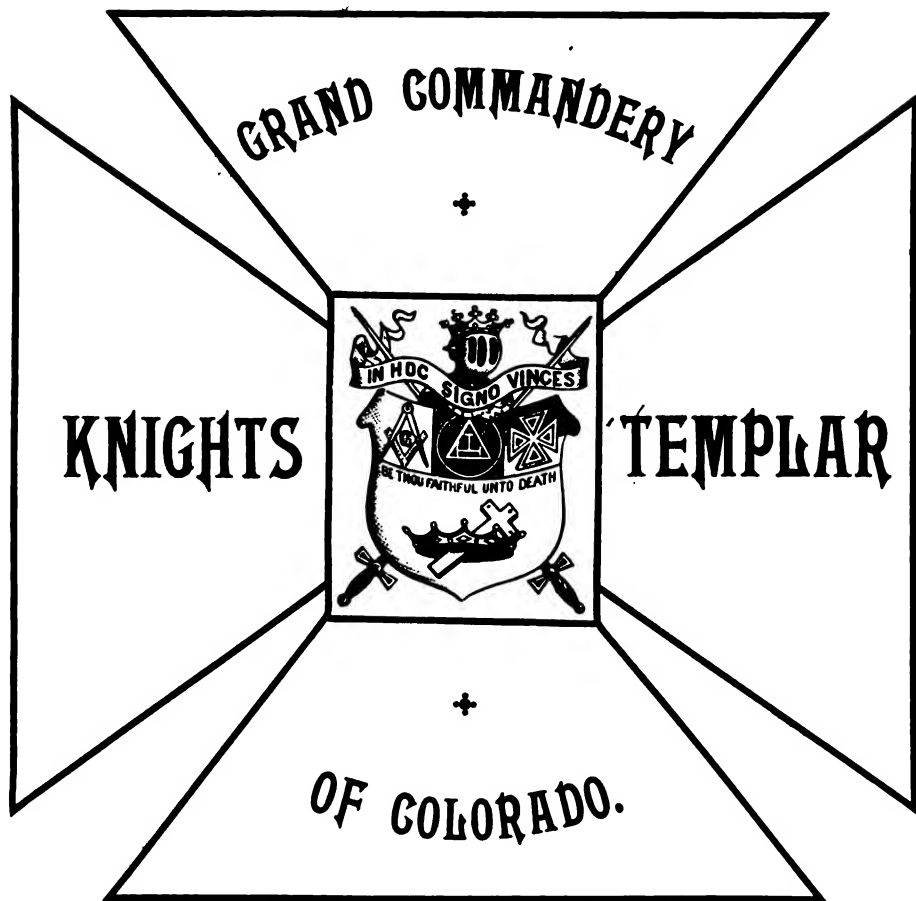


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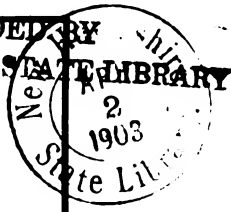
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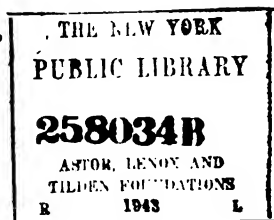
EIGHTEENTH CONCLAVE,

Held at Denver,

JUNE 6, A. D. 1893.

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GRAND OFFICERS—1893-94.

ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY, Denver	G. C.
WILLIAM D. TODD, Denver	D. G. C.
WILLIAM W. ROWAN, Ouray	G. G.
EUGENE P. SHOVE, Gunnison	G. C. G.
RICHARD HARVEY, Central City	G. PRE
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH, Pueblo	G. S. W.
JOHN M. MAXWELL, Leadville	G. J. W.
GEORGE WYMAN, Denver	G. TREAS.
ED. C. PARMELEE, Masonic Temple, Denver	G. REC.
CHARLES H. BAKER, Longmont	G. STANDARD B.
FRANK H. YOUNG, Durango	G. SWORD B.
LAWRENCE M. MILLER, Grand Junction	G. WARDER
THOMAS LINTON, Denver	G. C. OF GUARD

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

JAMES H. PEABODY	Cañon City
BYRON L. CARR	Longmont
ALPHONSE A. BURNAND	Leadville

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD	Denver
JOSEPH W. MILSON	Cañon City
ROBERT A. STEEN	La Junta

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, 1893.

DENVER, COLORADO, June 6, 1893.

The officers and members of the Grand Commandery assembled at the Brown Palace Hotel, whence they were escorted by Colorado Commandery No. 1 to their Asylum in the Masonic Temple, where the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in its Eighteenth Annual Conclave, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The following Sir Knights were present:

R. E. ALPHONSE A. BURNAND.....	G. C.
V. E. ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY.....	D. G. C.
E. WILLIAM D. TODD.....	G. G.
E. WILLIAM W. ROWAN.....	G. C. G.
R. E. JAMES H. PEABODY.....	as G. PRE.
E. EUGENE P. SHOVE.....	G. S. W.
E. GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH.....	G. J. W.
R. E. GEORGE WYMAN.....	G. TREAS.
E. ED. C. PARMELEE.....	G. REC.
E. JOHN M. MAXWELL.....	G. STANDARD B.
E. CHARLES H. BAKER.....	G. SWORD B.
E. FRANK H. YOUNG.....	G. WARDER
Sir THOMAS LINTON.....	G. C. OF GUARD

And representatives from nineteen chartered Commanderies, all but Nos. 13, 15, 19 and 20.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

OPENED.

The Grand Commandery was opened in Knightly form by the R. E. Grand Commander.

WEARING UNIFORM.

On motion, the Sir Knights were excused from appearing in full uniform for the balance of the session.

CREDENTIALS.

THE GRAND RECORDER,
LAWRENCE M. MILLER,
JAMES S. LAWRENCE,

Were appointed as a Committee on Credentials.

The committee soon presented their report, which was adopted. The report, with others from the same committee during the Conclave, showed the following Sir Knights present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

ALPHONSE A. BURNAND.....	G. C.
ALBERT B. MCGAFFKY.....	D. G. C.
WILLIAM D. TODD.....	G. G.
WILLIAM W. ROWAN.....	G. C. G.
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CHARLES H. BAKER.....	G. SWORD B.
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	G. WARDEN
THOMAS LINTON.....	G. C. OF GUARD

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

HENRY M. TELLER,	WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,
IRVING W. STANTON,	HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
JAMES M. STRICKLER,	JAMES H. PEABODY,
JAMES P. MAXWELL,	BYRON L. CARR,
GEORGE WYMAN.	

GRAND COMMANDERY.

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMANDERIES.

[Those present in *Italics*.]

COLORADO No. 1, DENVER.

REPRESENTATIVES.

PROXIES.

<i>Silas W. Chaney</i>	E. C.	
<i>Sidney A. Shepperd</i>	G.	
Edward G. Arnold	C. G.	<i>Sidney A. Shepperd.</i>

CENTRAL CITY No. 2, CENTRAL CITY.

George W. Mabey	E. C.	
William J. Lewis	G.	<i>Henry M. Teller.</i>
Richard Harvey	C. G.	<i>Harper M. Orahoad.</i>

PUEBLO No. 3, PUEBLO.

<i>Walter G. Adams</i>	E. C.	
Walter L. Dorland	G.	<i>George J. Dunbaugh.</i>
Frank M. Dunbaugh	C. G.	<i>Irving W. Stanton.</i>

GEORGETOWN No. 4, GEORGETOWN.

Thomas Bennett	E. C.	<i>Samuel Hardy.</i>
Lee F. McFadon	G.	
Warren M. Fletcher	C. G.	<i>Samuel Hardy.</i>

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS No. 5, LEADVILLE.

<i>Daniel McNiven</i>	E. C.	
George P. Brown	G.	
<i>David La Salle</i>	C. G.	

PIKE'S PEAK No. 6, COLORADO SPRINGS.

Edward R. Walter	E. C.	<i>Ernest M. Lotz.</i>
<i>William H. Reed</i>	G.	
James B. Severy	C. G.	

MOUNT SINAI No. 7, BOULDER.

<i>Marion W. Hissey</i>	E. C.	
<i>James L. Morehead</i>	G.	
George F. Fonda	C. G.	<i>James W. Develin.</i>

GUNNISON No. 8, GUNNISON.

William J. Fine	E. C.	<i>James S. Lawrence.</i>
John E. Brothers	G.	<i>James S. Lawrence.</i>
John A. Steele	C. G.	<i>James S. Lawrence.</i>

CANON CITY No. 9, CANON CITY.

<i>Joseph W. Milsom</i>	E. C.	
<i>William H. Trout</i>	G.	
Thomas H. Craven	C. G.	

GREELEY No. 10, GREELEY.

Brainard D. Harper	E. C.	<i>Joseph A. Woodbury.</i>
<i>Joseph A. Woodbury</i>	G.	
<i>Sharon Atkinson</i>	C. G.	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

IVANHOE No. 11, DURANGO.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Frank H. Young.....E. C.
 Peter L. Hanson.....G.
 Frank B. Roberts.....C. G.

PROXIES.

Frank H. Young.
 Frank H. Young.

LONG'S PEAK No. 12, LONGMONT.

John A. Buckley.....E. C.
 George W. Brown.....G.
 Wm. J. Wilson.....C. G. Willis A. Warner.

DE MOLAY No. 13, FORT COLLINS.

Not represented.

ASPEN MOUNTAIN No. 14, ASPEN.

James M. Dills.....E. C. Walter S. Clark.
 George C. Vallery.....G. Walter S. Clark.
 Walter S. Clark.....C. G.

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE No. 15, ALAMOSA.

Not represented.

OURAY No. 16, OURAY.

William W. Rowan.....E. C.
 Ralph Webster.....G. Geo. A. Scott.
 Walter F. Wheeler.....C. G.

SALIDA No. 17, SALIDA.

William W. Roller.....E. C.
 William E. Robertson.....G. William W. Roller.
 Jason Gillett.....C. G. William W. Roller.

ORIENTAL No. 18, TRINIDAD.

John H. Guilfoill.....E. C. Isaac H. Rapp.
 Isaac H. Rapp.....G.
 Thomas Williams.....C. G. Isaac H. Rapp.

MONTROSE No. 19, MONTROSE.

Not represented.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS No. 20, GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

Not represented.

AKRON No. 21, AKRON.

Joseph J. Bender.....E. C.
 Tyler D. Heiskell.....G.
 Adam J. Johnson.....C. G.

PALESTINE No. 22, LA JUNTA.

Robert A. Steen.....E. C.
 Charles F. Kendall.....G. Robert A. Steen.
 James B. Pearce.....C. G. Robert A. Steen.

TEMPLE No. 23, GRAND JUNCTION.

Lawrence M. Miller.....E. C.
 Edward F. Eldridge.....G.
 Norman J. Krusen.....C. G.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

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PAST COMMANDERS.

[Not elsewhere reported.]

William E. Greenlee	No. 1
Thomas Nicholl	No. 1
L. N. Greenleaf	No. 1
Henry C. Frost	No. 1
William B. Trufant	No. 1
J. M. Rhoads	No. 1
J. D. Schmidlap	No. 1
E. L. N. Foster	No. 4
A. Sagendorf	No. 6
James S. Lawrence	No. 8
William T. Bridwell	No. 9
George W. Roe	No. 9
H. T. West	No. 10
Lewis H. Dickson	No. 12
George A. Scott	No. 16

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Alabama	James S. Lawrence
Arkansas	Frank H. Young
California	Harper M. Orahood
Georgia	Henry M. Teller
Iowa	Albert B. McGaffey
Kansas	Eugene P. Shove
Maine	Webster D. Anthony
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	James P. Maxwell
Minnesota	Alphonse A. Burnard
Missouri	Andrew Sagendorf
Nebraska	James H. Peabody
New Hampshire	Ernest Le Neve Foster
North Carolina	William T. Bridwell
North Dakota	Walter G. Adams
Ohio	Frank B. Hill
Oregon	John M. Maxwell
Pennsylvania	William D. Todd
South Dakota	George N. Atwood
Vermont	Ed. C. Parmelee
Wyoming	Byron L. Carr

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Representatives from other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Colorado were introduced and cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander.

R.: E.: Henry M. Teller, Past Grand Commander, Grand Representative from Georgia, made suitable response.

GEORGE D. ADAMS.

D.: G.: C.: A. B. McGaffey introduced Sir Knight George D. Adams, Past Provincial Grand Prior (London

District) of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and he was courteously welcomed by the R.: E.: Grand Commander, to which our distinguished visitor responded.

REGRETS.

Letters of regret at their inability to be present were read from R. W. Woodbury, P.: G.: Commander, on account of absence from town, and Richard Harvey, Grand Prelate, on account of illness of his wife, and same were ordered placed on file.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees:

ON FINANCE.

JAMES H. PEABODY,
JOHN M. MAXWELL,
SILAS W. CHANEY.

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

JAMES M. STRICKLER,
WALTER G. ADAMS,
MARION W. HISSEY.

ON PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

JOSEPH W. MILSOM,
JOHN A. BUCKLEY,
ISAAC H. RAPP.

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

JOSEPH J. BENDER,
ROBERT A. STEEN,
GEORGE A. SCOTT.

The Grand Commander delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

By the grace of the Supreme Grand Commander of the Universe, we are once more permitted to assemble in Annual Conclave, to review the past and to legislate for the future, and to this, our Eighteenth Annual Conclave, I bid you all a most hearty welcome.

I am sure that you all join me in the hope that the past year has been rich and productive, not only in the numerical strength of our beloved order, but more especially in the good deeds we have accom-

plished in the character of Knights Templar. If to the destitute widow and the helpless orphan we silently appeared in their most trying hour, helping to soothe and comfort them in their affliction, and sheltered them from the tempest that surrounds them in this cold world the moment the father and protector has been taken from them; if, when we met a man bending under the cross of adversity, we did not pass on the other side, but nobly came to his rescue, and assisted him with our counsel, our guidance and our purse; if, in our vocation as Knights Templar, we managed to accomplish one-quarter of the obligations our noble order enjoins upon us as our duty, and which we vowed to perform to the best of our ability, then indeed, Sir Knights, are we true Soldiers of the Cross, and as such should we rejoice in the happy reflection of the good we have accomplished, and take pleasure in meeting in Annual Conclave to discuss the best plans for the future good of the order.

Before proceeding with our business, let us pause a moment and cast one last look toward those who have been parted from us. After the trials and vicissitudes of this world, let us hope the end came to them as peacefully as the sunshine breaks across our snow-capped mountains after a storm. Fainter yet fainter the distant rumbling of the elements, the dark and gloomy clouds slowly roll away, and through the slightest vista we behold the sun in all his glory, a celestial herald of a world to come, casting his warm and welcome rays upon all around, yet gradually and slowly sinking out of sight; at last it is twilight; we look around; behold! a loved one has gone out with the sunshine, and all is dark; but, Sir Knights,

"There is no death! what seems so is transition."

It is meet, therefore, that I should begin a review of the past with a record of the loved ones who have preceded us.

NECROLOGY.

Colorado mourns the loss of Eminent Sir Edwin C. Gray, Past Commander of Cañon City Commandery No. 9—a knight of noble and generous impulses, and one fitted for much good and usefulness in this world; but an all-wise providence decreed otherwise, and in the prime of manhood he fell "full knightly, with his armor on." We also mourn the loss of fifteen Sir Knights from our rank and file, but our grief and pain is softened by our faith and belief that they are enjoying the reward that awaits the valiant Templar.

The following Eminent Fraters of other Grand Jurisdictions have answered the roll call, and rest from their labors:

R.: E.: Sir Woodward Abrahams, Past Grand Commander of Maryland, died on August 5, 1892.

R.: E.: Sir Jesse Richardson Purnell, Past Grand Commander of West Virginia, died on August 31, 1892.

R.: E.: Sir Charles Harman Mann, Past Grand Commander of Maryland, died September 5, 1892.

E.: Sir J. Q. A. Barham, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, died October 21, 1892.

R.: E.: Sir Donald W. Bain, Past Grand Commander of North Carolina, died November 16, 1892.

E.: Sir Thomas McFadden Patton, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, died November 29, 1892.

R.: E.: Sir John Dunning Adams, Past Grand Commander of Arkansas, died December 8, 1892.

R.: E.: Sir Homer Stanley Goodwin, Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, died December 25, 1892.

V.: E.: Sir Edwin A. Allen, Past Deputy Grand Commander of Nebraska, died January 8, 1893.

E.: Sir George C. Dorland, our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Indiana, died January 23, 1893.

R.: E.: Sir Joseph Potts Hornor, Past Grand Commander of Louisiana, and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, died in New Orleans, La., on January 24, 1893.

R.: E.: Sir Azariah G. Howard, Past Grand Commander of Georgia, died January 26, 1893.

R.: E.: Sir Horace January, Past Grand Commander of Kentucky, died March 9, 1893.

R.: E.: Sir John Henry Brown, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of Kansas, died March 12, 1893.

V.: E.: Sir Nathan S. Kimball, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, died April 1, 1893.

E.: Sir Frank Nathan Manchester, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, died April 23, 1893.

R.: E.: Sir Joseph H. Johnston, Past Grand Commander of Alabama, died May 5, 1893.

R.: E.: Sir Logan H. Roots, Past Grand Commander of Arkansas, died May 30, 1893.

To the memory of these valiant Knights from home and abroad I recommend that suitable tribute be paid.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon the recommendation of the several Grand Commanders, I commissioned the following Sir Knights as our Representatives near their respective Grand Commanderies:

November 18, 1892, Sir F. H. Lorrington, near Iowa.

November 21, 1892, E.: Sir Joshua M. Booth, near Ohio.

November 21, 1892, Sir John H. Estill, near Georgia.

November 29, 1892, Sir Gustave Anderson, near Nebraska.

November 29, 1892, Sir Fred A. Spencer, near Connecticut.
 November 29, 1892, Sir Charles F. Scott, near West Virginia.
 December 2, 1892, E.: Sir William J. Kelly, near Pennsylvania.
 December 10, 1892, R.: E.: Sir C. B. Kleibacker, near Maryland.
 December 19, 1892, E.: Sir George East, near Wyoming.
 December 22, 1892, Sir Bestor G. Brown, near Kansas.
 December 23, 1892, E.: Sir Charles L. West, near Minnesota.
 January 6, 1893, Sir John M. Caldwell, near Alabama.
 January 30, 1893, E.: Sir S. P. Gillett, near Indiana.
 March 24, 1893, Sir Joseph Hare, near North Dakota.
 April 4, 1893, R.: E.: Sir John Martin, near Texas.

Upon the request of the several Grand Commanders, I recommended the following Sir Knights as Representatives of the several Grand Commanderies near this Grand Jurisdiction:

Alabama—E.: Sir James S. Lawrence, Gunnison.
 Connecticut—R.: E.: Sir Horace N. Banks, Pueblo.
 Georgia—R.: E.: Sir Henry M. Teller, Central City.
 Illinois—R.: E.: Sir Roger W. Woodbury, Denver.
 Iowa—V.: E.: Sir Albert B. McGaffey, Denver.
 Kansas—E.: Sir Eugene P. Shove, Gunnison.
 Maine—R.: E.: Sir Webster D. Anthony, Denver.
 Maryland—E.: Sir B. F. Rawalt, Akron.
 Minnesota—E.: Sir Henry T. West, Greeley.
 Nebraska—R.: E.: Sir James H. Peabody, Cañon City.
 North Dakota—E.: Sir Walter G. Adams, Pueblo.
 Ohio—Sir Frank B. Hill, Denver.
 Pennsylvania—E.: Sir William D. Todd, Denver.
 South Dakota—Sir George N. Atwood, Denver.
 Texas—E.: Sir Richard Harvey, Central City.
 Vermont—E.: Sir Edward C. Parmelee, Denver.
 West Virginia—Sir Frederick A. Hunt, Aspen.
 Wyoming—R.: E.: Sir Byron L. Carr, Longmont.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I have for good reasons issued the following special dispensations:

December 10, 1892. To Akron Commandery No. 21, to elect and install officers on December 14, 1892, the Commandery having failed to do so at the proper time.

December 29, 1892. To Greeley Commandery No. 10, to install the Captain General and the Sword Bearer at a time subsequent to that provided by their By-Laws.

December 29, 1892. To thirty-nine Sir Knights at Denver, Colo., for the formation of a Commandery to be known as Denver Commandery, U. D., with R.: E.: Sir George Wyman as Eminent

Commander, Sir Frank B. Hill as Generalissimo, and Sir Julius B. Bissell as Captain General. The petition was recommended by Colorado Commandery No. 1, and no doubt a petition for a charter has been filed with the Grand Recorder.

January 3, 1893. To Akron Commandery No. 21, to elect and install a Captain General on January 9, 1893, the Sir Knight who had been elected to fill the position declining to serve.

March 5, 1893. To Montrose Commandery No. 19, to elect and install a Generalissimo and Captain General on March 10, 1893, the Sir Knights elected to fill the stations having declined to serve.

April 24, 1893. To Pueblo Commandery No. 3, to observe Ascension on May 14, 1893, being the Sunday after Ascension Day.

April 24, 1893. To Oriental Commandery No. 18, to appear in public in Templar uniform for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Raton, New Mexico, and participating with Aztec Commandery in observing Ascension Day.

May 3, 1893. To Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, to observe Ascension May 14, 1893, being the Sunday after Ascension Day.

May 30, 1893. To Colorado Commandery No. 1, to appear in public in Templar uniform on June 6, 1893, for the purpose of escorting the Grand Commandery to the Masonic Temple.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

I have refused dispensations to receive and ballot upon petitions on the same evening.

I refused a dispensation to Colorado Commandery No. 1 to confer the Orders upon Companion N. B. Henderson on a request of St. Joseph Commandery No. 4, K. T., of St. Joseph, Mo. The communications not having been forwarded in accordance with Section No. 2 of Title XV of Code of Grand Encampment. I had no means of satisfying myself that the action of St. Joseph Commandery had the approval of the Grand Commander of Missouri.

DECISIONS.

I take great pleasure and pride in reporting that I have not been called upon for any decisions.

No doubt this is in a great measure due to the forethought of P. G. Commander Sir Byron L. Carr, in recommending that the Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law of the Grand Encampment be printed and bound with the Proceedings of 1892.

In the few questions which were propounded, I have always insisted on a strict construction of the law.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

An amendment to the laws of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, changing the time of its stated conclave, and a revised code of laws

of Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, were submitted to me for approval. Under Section 2, Title XI of the Digest of the Grand Encampment, all amendments should be approved by the Grand Commandery, not by the Grand Commander. I have examined these and recommended that they be approved.

TEMPLAR DAYS.

The following Commanderies report having observed one or more of the Templar days.

Christmas Toast.

Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, stationed at Leadville.

Cañon City No. 9, stationed at Cañon City.

Oriental No. 18, stationed at Trinidad.

Montrose No. 19, stationed at Montrose.

Palestine No. 22, stationed at La Junta.

I would recommend that this Grand Commandery take such action as will tend to promote a general observance of this beautiful custom, and that the Grand Recorder send a copy of the toast and response as soon after the receipt thereof as possible to every Commandery in the Jurisdiction.

Easter Sunday.

Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, 147 Sir Knights in line.

Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, Leadville, 29 Sir Knights in line.

Pike's Peak No. 6, Colorado Springs, 42 Sir Knights in line.

Cañon City No. 9, Cañon City, 27 Sir Knights in line.

Ivanhoe No. 11, Durango, 24 Sir Knights in line.

Ouray No. 16, Ouray, 25 Sir Knights in line.

Salida No. 17, Salida, 20 Sir Knights in line.

Oriental No. 18, Trinidad, 35 Sir Knights in line, accompanied by 15 Sir Knights from Raton, New Mexico, making a total of 50.

Palestine No. 22, La Junta, 18 Sir Knights in line.

Ascension Day.

Colorado Commandery No. 1 observed Ascension, with 104 Sir Knights in line.

Pueblo No. 3 observed Ascension on May 14, 1893, with 36 Sir Knights in line.

Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5 observed Ascension May 14, 1893, with 18 Sir Knights in line.

Oriental No. 18 observed Ascension Day, number not reported.

TRIENNIAL TESTIMONIALS.

At the adjourned Conclave of this Grand Commandery, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the four principal officers of the Grand Commandery be and they are hereby appointed a special committee to procure suitable testimonials to

be presented to each member of the Triennial Committee, as an evidence of our appreciation of their valuable and efficient services rendered during the recent Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave.

Resolved, That the sum of \$1000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

The task of performing this pleasant duty was, with the consent of the Grand Captain General, turned over to the Deputy Grand Commander and the Grand Generalissimo, and their report shows that they procured a beautiful watch for Sir F. B. Hill, and a silver service for each of the other four members of the committee, at a cost of one thousand dollars.

That they executed the charge in a highly creditable manner, and that their good judgment in selecting the various testimonials was greatly appreciated by the recipients, is amply testified to by the acknowledgments on file in the Grand Commander's office.

In this connection, I wish to call your attention to a report received from a sub-committee of the Triennial days. From this report I glean that shortly after the close of the Triennial Encampment the Finance Committee appointed a committee of its members to procure suitable testimonials for the members of the Triennial Committee, the chairman of each sub-committee and also for some of the most prominent citizens who aided the committee by their advice, influence and most liberally with their purse, and appropriated an amount sufficient to cover the expense.

The Committee set to work to carry out the instructions of the Finance Committee, and in last December completed their labors. At the request of the committee, the testimonials were presented by the Deputy Grand Commander, in his happy and pleasant way. I believe every person appreciates a testimonial of work well performed, especially if it has been a labor of love and patriotism and an extra charge on his ability, energy and time; it is therefore needless to remark that to the recipients it was not only a happy surprise, but an assurance that their labors in the interest of the Colorado Knights Templar had been well done and duly appreciated. My reason for presenting the matter at all is simply because the Triennial Committee in their report to the Grand Commandery wholly overlooked the action of the sub-committee. To me it seems phenomenal to think that the Triennial Committee, with its eleven sub-committees, the thousand-and-one large as well as petty affairs which required their attention, the little time they had between the closing of the Triennial and the adjourned Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and the consequent hurry and rush to close up everything, that they did not overlook a great many things of this sort, but up to date this is the single exception, and to my mind can be attributed wholly to the fact that committees on testimonials are supposed to keep their doings in the dark in order to trap the fortunate and embarrass him

as much as possible. As the Triennial Committee closed its business, reported to the Grand Commandery, turned over the balance in their hands, and were relieved from further duty, with the thanks and hearty approval of every Sir Knight for the manner in which they conducted the Triennial to a successful termination, the bills, of course, will be presented to you, and I am sure the explanation I have made will be sufficient to cause a warrant to be drawn on the Grand Treasurer to cover the amount.

DRILL.

The Sir Knights of Colorado having shown such marked ability and proficiency in Templar drill during the Triennial Conclave week, and in view of the fact that the Grand Commandery, by resolution, invited every Commandery in the jurisdiction to be present at this Annual Conclave, and being also quite anxious that the high standard in tactics should be maintained if possible, I deemed the time ripe for another effort in the direction of inducing some of the Commanderies to compete for the trophy purchased by this Grand Commandery some years ago for the purpose of stimulating Templar drill. I regret to report that my effort proved of no avail, and am frank to admit that, though a great many of the Sir Knights promised a good deal in the right direction, it is very evident that the Grand Commander lacked the necessary military knowledge to inspire them, for but one Commandery reported a willingness to participate.

The above is my only apology for the promulgation of General Order No. 1, which is here appended:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO,	}
OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,	
LEADVILLE, COLO., October 31, 1892.	

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

To the Subordinate Commanderies under this Jurisdiction:

During the Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave, the Templars of Colorado amply demonstrated the fact that they ranked with the best in Templar Drill. It should be the desire of every Colorado Templar to maintain the high standard attained during the year. This can only be accomplished by a regular practice, and it is therefore essentially necessary that the various drill squads maintain their organizations and drill as often as is necessary to acquire perfection.

To stimulate the Commanderies in Templar Drill, this Grand Commandery has provided a beautiful trophy, to belong to the Commandery winning it three times. This has never been competed for. It is my earnest desire that every subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction compete for this trophy at our next Annual Conclave, in June, 1893.

As the majority of our Asylums are too small to allow the Sir Knights to perform anything but the simplest movements, permission is hereby granted to all Commanderies in this jurisdiction to drill out of the Asylum, in fatigue uniform.

The rules governing the contest may be found in all the Grand Commandery proceedings since 1887.

Commanderies deciding to participate in the drill at our next Grand Conclave will report such intention to the Grand Commander not later than April 15, 1893.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery, at
[SEAL] Leadville, Colorado, this 31st day of October, A. D. 1892,
A. O. 774.

Attest: A. A. BURNAND, *Grand Commander*.
ED. C. PARMELEE, *Grand Recorder*.

VISITATIONS.

It was my intention at some time during my term to visit every Commandery in the Jurisdiction, and this resolution would have been carried through successfully had it not been that early in this undertaking I was forced to the conclusion that the calling of Special Conclaves, when there were no candidates for the Orders, and the officers in consequence thereof were holding off in familiarizing themselves with the ritual in anticipation of an early receipt of the new work, was very uninteresting and unprofitable both to the Commandery and the Grand Commander. I therefore changed my plans, and made my visits on Stated Conclaves, when there was some business to bring the Sir Knights together aside from my visit. I however found it impossible to visit every Commandery upon the occasion of their Stated Conclaves.

On October 15, 1892, I constituted Temple Commandery No. 23, at Grand Junction, and installed their officers. I was assisted on this occasion by our Grand Captain General and E.: Sir F. P. St. Clair, of Montrose Commandery No. 19. I regret to state that E.: Sir B. F. Rawalt, who was also to assist in the interesting ceremonies, was delayed at Minturn, owing to the strike of the Denver & Rio Grande engineers, and for the same reasons our Grand Captain General and E.: Sir St. Clair were put to the severe test of taking passage on a hand car and pumping their way to Delta, a distance of fifty-one miles, when fortunately the strike was declared off and they were enabled to pursue the balance of their journey in ease and comfort.

- On January 11, 1893, I visited Gunnison Commandery No. 8.
- On January 12, 1893, I visited Montrose Commandery No. 19.
- On January 13, 1893, I visited Ouray Commandery No. 16.
- On January 27, 1893, I visited Aspen Commandery No. 14.
- On January 28, 1893, I visited Glenwood Springs Commandery No. 20.
- On February 16, 1893, I visited Cañon City Commandery No. 9.
- On March 3, 1893, I visited Oriental Commandery No. 18.
- On March 4, 1893, I visited Pueblo Commandery No. 3.
- On April 13, 1893, I visited Salida Commandery No. 17.
- On April 14, 1893, I visited Denver Commandery, U. D.
- On April 15, 1893, I visited De Molay Commandery No. 13.
- On May 6, 1893, I visited Georgetown Commandery No. 4.

My own Commandery, Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, I visited as often as possible. I made an attempt to visit Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, stationed at Durango, but missed connections, much to my regret.

Pueblo No. 3, Georgetown No. 4, Salida No. 17, Oriental No. 18, Glenwood Springs No. 20 had work, and in most cases it was performed in a very creditable manner, showing care and precision.

To enumerate the many acts of kindness and courtesy which were extended to me upon each and every visit would not only take up a great deal of time, but necessitate a great many repetitions. Suffice it to say, that I received every courtesy imaginable, the Sir Knights being untiring in their efforts to show their appreciation of a visit from the Grand Commander, wholly forgetting that he was but performing a duty, and where I found myself a stranger in the morning, at night I felt as though the day had been too short. No matter how humble the Asylum or how few the Sir Knights, there was always that hearty welcome, "Come into my tent," "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee," and that never failing courtesy so characteristic of Knights Templar. It is therefore unnecessary to emphasize my regret at not being able to visit each and every one.

STANDING ORDERS.

One of the standing orders of this Grand Commandery requires "That on the evening of the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery that work on the Templar Order be conferred by such officers as may be designated by the Grand Commander at the previous Annual Conclave."

I requested the Eminent Commander of Colorado Commandery No. 1 to have a candidate for the Order of the Temple, and designated the following Sir Knights to confer the Order:

E. C.—R.: E.: Sir George Wyman, of Denver Commandery U. D.

G.—E.: Sir William D. Todd, of Denver Commandery U. D.

C. G.—E.: Sir W. W. Rowan, of Ouray Commandery No. 16.

P.—V.: E.: Sir A. B. McGaffey, of Colorado Commandery No. 1.

S. W.—E.: Sir Eugene P. Shove, of Gunnison Commandery No. 8.

J. W.—E.: Sir George J. Dunbaugh, of Pueblo Commandery No. 3.

Std. Br.—E.: Sir J. M. Maxwell, of Mt. of Holy Cross Commandery No. 5.

Swd. Br.—E.: Sir Charles H. Baker, of Long's Peak Commandery No. 12.

Warder—E.: Sir Frank H. Young, of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11.

I trust as many of the Sir Knights as possible will be in attendance, for I assure them of a pleasant and profitable evening.

RITUAL.

From reliable sources I learn that the ritual adopted by the Grand Encampment at its last session will be ready for distribution some time this month. I therefore recommend that you take such action as you may deem best for its immediate adoption and use by the subordinate Commanderies of this Jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend that this Grand Commandery take the necessary steps to prevent the violation, in the future, of Section 31 of Title XII of the Code of Statutes, which requires that "Commanderies shall not appear in public, as such, without the permission of the Grand Commander, except upon funeral occasions."

I find that some Commanderies, after a social time in their Asylums, think nothing of marching half a dozen blocks, in full Templar uniform, to the banquet hall.

One Commandery reports having attended divine service on December 27, 1892, and, while the attending of divine worship is laudable and praiseworthy, the total disregard of a well-established law is nevertheless deplorable.

CLOSING.

In conclusion, I wish to return my thanks to the officers of the Grand Commandery for their kindly assistance and support rendered me upon every opportunity, and especially to our Eminent Grand Recorder, who, by his ever-ready kindness and willingness, and his long experience in Templar affairs, has so materially helped to smooth my path.

And now, Sir Knights, the record of the past is before you, such as it is. I can honestly say to you it has been a labor of love, and whatever my official acts, they were performed with but one object—the good of the Order—and I sincerely tried to work to that end. No amount of work, care or exertion have I deemed too great to repay, in some measure, your goodness in elevating me to the highest position within your gift. The proudest moment of my life was when being installed as your Grand Commander; not one whit less the moment I shall descend from the dais and resume my station with the Sir Knights upon the floor.

Sir Knights, I await your will and pleasure.

A. A. BURNAND,
Grand Commander.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Sir Knight B. L. Carr, the address was referred to a special committee of three.

WILLIAM D. TODD.
BYRON L. CARR,
IRVING W. STANTON.

Were appointed said committee.

REPORT.

The committee afterwards presented their report, which was adopted, as follows:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander, report that they have carefully examined the same, and courteously report as follows:

First—That that portion of the address referring to necrology be referred to a special committee of three.

Second—That the action of the Grand Commander relative to the appointment of Grand Representatives be approved.

Third—That the action of the Grand Commander in granting and refusing dispensations be approved.

Fourth—That the action of the Grand Commander concerning the approval of By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Returns and Work.

Fifth—That the action of the Sub-Committee on Triennial Testimonials, as reported by the Grand Commander, be approved and that a warrant be drawn by the Grand Recorder as recommended by the Grand Commander.

Sixth—That that portion of the address relative to drill, together with General Order No. 1, be referred to a special committee of three.

Seventh—That the zeal of our Grand Commander, as shown in his numerous visitations, meets with our hearty approval, and is worthy of emulation by his successor.

Eighth—That we approve the action of the Grand Commander in setting this evening session for the exemplification of the new work, and recommend that the work commence promptly at 8 o'clock.

Ninth—That that portion of the address entitled Ritual be referred to a special committee of three.

Tenth—That that portion of the address entitled Recommendations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM D. TODD,
B. L. CARR,
I. W. STANTON.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as said Committees:

ON NECROLOGY.

LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF,
HENRY C. FROST,
HENRY T. WEST.

ON DRILL.

WM. W. ROWAN,
GEO. W. ROE,
SILAS W. CHANEY.

ON RITUAL.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,
JAMES P. MAXWELL.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The following was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

GEORGE WYMAN, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, COLORADO.

1892.			
June	7	To balance, as per last report	\$ 2,687 76
	8	Grand Recorder	195 00
	11	Grand Recorder	148 50
August	31	Grand Recorder	40 00
Sept.	28	Grand Recorder	10,966 80
Oct.	25	Grand Recorder	3,294 95
1893.			
May	16	Grand Recorder	752 00
June	6	Grand Recorder	1,093 00
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By Warrant No. 107			\$ 202 13
Warrant No. 108			150 00
Warrant No. 109			5 10
Warrant No. 110			500 00
Warrant No. 111			25 00
Warrant No. 112			69 75
Warrant No. 113			9 00
Warrant No. 114			5 00
Warrant No. 115			563 15
Warrant No. 116			1,500 00
Warrant No. 117a			10 00
Warrant No. 117b			99 00
Warrant No. 118			25 00
Warrant No. 119			5,789 80
Warrant No. 120			825 75
Warrant No. 121			174 25
Warrant No. 122			198 00
Warrant No. 123			128 30
Warrant No. 124			1,500 00
June 6		By balance on hand	7,398 78
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			\$ 19,178 01

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June 6 To balance on hand, \$7,398.78, for which find certified check, and vouchers for disbursements.

NOTE.—The credit items prior to September 23, 1892, amounting to \$3,071.26, were under P. G. Treasurer W. D. Todd, as well as the warrants 107 to 117, both inclusive, amounting to \$3,089.13, leaving a balance in his hands of \$32.13, but this report is made for the full year ending June 6, 1893.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

The following was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Grand Commandery:

At the Annual Conclave, June 7, 1892, charters were ordered and issued to:

Montrose Commandery No. 19, at Montrose.

Glenwood Springs Commandery No. 20, at Glenwood Springs.

Akron Commandery No. 21, at Akron.

Palestine Commandery No. 22, at La Junta.

And at the Adjourned Conclave, September 23, 1892, a charter was ordered and issued to:

Temple Commandery No. 23, at Grand Junction.

I have received :

DUES RETURNED BY COMMANDERIES FOR 1892, PAID SINCE LAST REPORT.

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	WHEN	AMOUNT
15	Rio Grande del Norte	Alamosa	June 7, 1892	\$15 00
15	Rio Grande del Norte	Alamosa	June 10, 1892	5 00
UD	Temple	Grand Junction	Aug. 24, 1892	40 00

DUES RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES FOR 1893.

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	WHEN PAID	Created	Members	Amount
1	Colorado	Denver	May 27, 1893	63	486	\$558 00
2	Central City	Central City	May 20, 1893	8	45	62 50
3	Pueblo	Pueblo	May 3, 1893	5	102	73 50
4	Georgetown	Georgetown	May 1, 1893	4	30	35 00
5	Mt. of the Holy Cross	Leadville	May 3, 1893	8	73	76 50
6	Pike's Peak	Colorado Springs	May 23, 1893	20	81	140 50
7	Mount Sinai	Boulder	May 2, 1893	7	78	74 00
8	Gunnison	Gunnison	May 25, 1893	5	46	48 00
9	Canon City	Canon City	May 5, 1893	3	68	49 00
10	Greeley	Greeley	May 15, 1893	4	35	37 50

DUES RETURNED BY SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES FOR 1893.—(Continued)

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	WHEN PAID	Created	Members	Amount
11	Ivanhoe	Durango	May 11, 1893	9	51	\$70 50
12	Long's Peak	Longmont	May 12, 1893	6	61	60 50
13	DeMolay	Fort Collins	May 1, 1893	8	61	70 50
14	Aspen Mountain	Aspen	Apr. 27, 1893	6	44	52 00
15	Rio Grande del Norte	Alamosa	Apr. 25, 1893	2	29	25 00
16	Ouray	Ouray	May 26, 1893	5	53	51 50
17	Salida	Salida	May 3, 1893	9	41	65 50
18	Oriental	Trinidad	June 2, 1893	8	52	62 00
19	Montrose	Montrose				
20	Glenwood Springs	Glenwood Springs	May 24, 1893	2	24	22 00
21	Akron	Akron	May 23, 1893	4	41	40 50
22	Palestine	La Junta	May 31, 1893	2	26	23 00
23	Temple	Grand Junction	May 22, 1893	5	25	37 50
UD	Denver	Denver	June 3, 1893	2		10 00

CHARTER FEES COLLECTED.

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	WHEN PAID	AMOUNT
19	Montrose	Montrose	June 7, 1892	\$ 10 00
20	Glenwood Springs	Glenwood Springs	June 7, 1892	10 00
21	Akron	Akron	June 7, 1892	10 00
22	Palestine	La Junta	June 7, 1892	10 00
23	Temple	Grand Junction	Sept. 23, 1892	10 00

DISPENSATION FEES COLLECTED FROM NEW COMMANDERIES.

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	WHEN PAID	AMOUNT
	U. D. Temple	Grand Junction	June 8, 1892	\$ 90 00
	U. D. Denver	Denver	Dec. 29, 1892	90 00

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

	Received Dues for 1892	\$ 60 00
	Received Dues for 1893	1745 00
	Received Charter fees	50 00
	Received Dispensation fees	180 00
Sept. 23, 1892,	Received from Treasurer Triennial Committee	6290 28
Sept. 23, 1892,	Received from Treasurer Triennial Committee	4676 52
Oct. 24, 1892,	Received from Treasurer Decoration Committee	3294 96
Total		\$ 16,296 75

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I have paid :

June 8, 1892, Returned to Aspen Mountain No. 14.....	\$ 1 50
June 11, 1892, Paid George Wyman, Grand Treasurer.....	148 50
Aug. 31, 1892, Paid George Wyman Grand Treasurer.....	40 00
Sept. 26, 1892, Paid George Wyman, Grand Treasurer.....	6290 28
Sept. 26, 1892, Paid George Wyman, Grand Treasurer.....	4676 52
Oct. 24, 1892, Paid George Wyman, Grand Treasurer.....	3294 95
May 15, 1893, Paid George Wyman, Grand Treasurer.....	752 00
June 6, 1893, Paid George Wyman, Grand Treasurer.....	1093 00
Total.....	\$ 16,206 75

I have drawn warrants on the Grand Treasurer as follows:

DATE	IN FAVOR OF	ACCOUNT OF	WARR NO	AMOUNT
1892.				
June 8	Grand Treasurer.....	Pay roll	107	\$ 202 13
June 7	Grand Recorder.....	Incidental expenses, 1892-93	108	150 00
June 7	Grand Recorder.....	Incidental expenses, balance 1891-92.....	109	5 10
June 7	Grand Recorder.....	Services	110	500 00
June 7	Thomas Linton.....	Services	111	25 00
June 15	Grand Recorder.....	Grand Encampment dues.....	112	69 75
July 12	E. P. Shove.....	Exp. as proxy for Grand Commander.....	113	9 00
July 26	G. M. Collier.....	Letter Heads for Grand Commander.....	114	5 00
July 26	G. M. Collier.....	Printing Proceedings	115	583 15
Aug. 1	O. B. Scobey.....	Headquarters expenses	116	1,500 00
Sept. 3	Denver Novelty W'ks.....	Fixing Banner.....	117a	10 00
Sept. 23	Grand Treasurer.....	Pay roll	117b	99 00
Sept. 23	Thomas Linton.....	Services	118	25 00
Dec. 8	Grand Treasurer.....	25 per cent refunded	119	5,789 80
1893.				
Jan. 7	The Henry Bohm Co.....	Appropri'n to Triennial Committee.....	120	825 75
Jan. 7	W. D. Todd.....	Appropri'n to Triennial Committee.....	121	174 25
Jan. 18	W. F. Robinson & Co.....	Printing Proceedings	122	196 00
May 16	A. A. Burnand.....	Grand Commander's expenses.....	123	128 30
May 20	The Henry Bohm Co.....	P. G. Commanders' Jewels	124	1,500 00
		Total.....		\$11,779 23

All the chartered Commanderies except Montrose No. 19 at Montrose, have made returns and paid dues.

Oriental No. 18 and Palestine No. 22 did not do so within the time required by Sec. 3, Art. VI, of our Statutes.

Colorado No. 1, Central City No. 2, Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, Pike's Peak No. 6, Akron No. 21 and Temple No. 23 did not report

list of officers elected at their last annual, as required by Sec. 3, Art. VI, of our Statutes.

Denver Commandery U. D., at Denver, has made returns showing two created; returns its dispensation and presents its records, proposed By-Laws and a petition for charter signed by forty-five Sir Knights.

An itemized account of the incidental expenses of this office is herewith submitted, showing the expenses have exceeded the appropriation \$18.12.

Fraternally,

ED. C. PARMELEE, *Grand Recorder.*

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP.

The petition of Cyrus H. Phelps, a Past Commander of De Payen's Commandery No. 6, Oskaloosa, Iowa, now a member of Akron Commandery No. 21, for membership in this Grand Commandery, was presented and referred to Sir Knights

A. SAGENDORF,
S. A. SHEPPERD,
L. N. GREENLEAF.

The Committee afterwards presented their report, and he was duly elected.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS.

Past Grand Commanders

WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,
IRVING W. STANTON,
HARPER M. ORAHOD,
JAMES M. STRICKLER,
JAMES P. MAXWELL,
JAMES H. PEABODY,
GEORGE WYMAN,
BYRON L. CARR,

Were called to the East and each presented with a Past Grand Commander's jewel, by William D. Todd, Grand Generalissimo, in his usual happy manner.

Past Grand Commander Carr responded for himself and fellow victims.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The R.: E.: Grand Commander presented a communication from Oriental Commandery No. 18, and the same was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock, p.m.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 6, 1893, 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor.
Grand Commander Burnand presiding.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

Grand Generalissimo Todd presented a Past Grand Commander's jewel to our first R.: E.: Grand Commander Henry Moore Teller.

Sir Knight Teller responded, giving a brief sketch of the introduction of Templarism and of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

NECROLOGY.

Sir Knight Greenleaf presented the following, which, on motion of Sir Knight S. A. Shepperd, was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your special committee to whom was referred that portion of the R.: E.: Grand Commander's address relating to the decease of eminent and beloved fraters in this and other Grand Jurisdictions, would report thereon as follows:

Death, the invincible enemy, is ever busy along our lines, and his assaults are never ceasing. During the year he has mercifully spared our Past and Present Grand Officers, while but one of our permanent members has been called upon to enter the unseen Asylum above. E.: Sir Edwin C. Gray, P. E. C. of Cañon City Commandery No. 9, had removed to Denver to engage in the practice of his profession as a physician. On October 4, 1892, in all the strength and pride of manhood, without warning, he received the dread mandate. Literally, in the words which we so often repeat, he "wrapped the drapery of his couch about him and laid down to pleasant dreams," from which, alas! he knew no waking, save in the blissful abode of the blest. He was indeed a true Christian Knight, valiant, generous, companionable and universally beloved.

From other Grand Jurisdictions we have received mournful intelligence that distinguished leaders and young and valiant defend-

ers of our bannered host have alike fallen before the shafts of the grim archer.

"One army of the living God,
To His command we bow;
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now."

Resolved, That to the Grand Commanderies of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Virginia we tender our profound and knightly sympathy for the great and irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of distinguished and beloved fraters. The beautiful and appropriate language used by our R. E. Grand Commander in referring to their decease has most fitly voiced the sentiments we would fain express.

Resolved, That pages be suitably inscribed in our Proceedings, as follows: To the Memory of Deceased Fraters in this Jurisdiction, to the Memory of Deceased Fraters in other Grand Jurisdictions, and to the Memory of E. Sir George C. Dorland, our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

Seldom have we been called upon to record the death of so many distinguished fraters in one short year, yet a majority of them had lived the allotted period of man's existence, and died "ripe in years and crowned with glory." Their fame had spread both far and wide for deeds of charity and pure beneficence. Their lives were an incentive and an inspiration to others to persevere in the same great cause. "The builder dies, but the Temple goes up." The sword of truth drops from the grasp of the dying knight, but is seized by another, and the warfare against the deceits and lying vanities of this world still goes on, and will go on until time shall be no more.

Let us cherish the hope that all these Christian warriors were clothed in the full armor of righteousness, and that they passed into the presence of the blessed Immanuel, there to receive the crown of life immortal.

May we who survive tenderly cherish their memories, and may these solemn experiences remind us that we are approaching the end of our earthly pilgrimage. As the shadows of life gather thickly about our pathway, may the lighted taper of faith dispel the gloom, and give us strength to say:

"Into the shadows, Lord, with Thee,
Silent we go!
They fall like the close of a melody—
Like the dropping snow.

"They come to earth when the eventide
Grows dark and deep;
Softly they cover the whole world wide
With a film of sleep.

"They come to our lives when God's dear love
Will have its way,
When He draws our eyes to the stars above,
By veiling our day.

"Shadows of stillness—shadows of peace—
 Shadows of woe—
 Into them all, as the dear Lord please,
 Silent we go!"

Courteously submitted.

LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF.
 H. C. FROST.
 H. T. WEST.

REPORT ON RETURNS AND WORK—CHARTER GRANTED.

The following was presented, and on motion of Sir Knight H. M. Orahood, adopted, and a charter ordered issued as therein recommended:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Returns and Work have examined the records and returns of Denver Commandery U. D., stationed at Denver, together with a petition for Charter and a copy of the proposed By-Laws.

The records are complete, and the returns made in proper form. The Commandery has conferred the Orders on two Companions. We therefore recommend that the By-Laws be approved, and that a Charter be issued and that it be constituted as Denver Commandery No. 25, and stationed at Denver, Colorado, with the following forty-five Sir Knights as Charter members.

GEORGE WYMAN,
 FRANK B. HILL,
 JEROME A. VICKERS,
 CHARLES H. WOOD,
 ANTHONY SNEVE,
 DUDLEY D. MAYO,
 ROBERT S. BRANNEN,
 JOSEPH T. WALLACE,
 EUGENE E. BURLINGAME,
 HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
 CHARLES E. BROWN,
 JAMES P. EVANS,
 WILLIAM D. TODD,
 GEORGE W. KRAMER,
 ROBERT C. LOCKWOOD,
 DONALD FLETCHER,
 AMASA M. BUCKNUM,
 PLATT ROGERS,
 HUGH BUTLER,
 ROGER W. WOODBURY,
 PHILIP FELDHAUSER,
 EUGENE GRISSOM,

GEORGE N. ATWOOD,
 DARIUS A. BARTON,
 JULIUS B. BISSELL,
 WILLIAM B. TRUFANT,
 FREDERIC E. ADDOMS,
 FRANCIS C. YOUNG,
 JAMES PERCHARD,
 ANDREW B. HEATH,
 EBENEZER T. ALLING,
 JAMES C. JOHNSTON,
 CHARLES T. HARKISON,
 ED. C. PARMELEE,
 AARON GOVE,
 MICHAEL SPANGLER,
 WILLIAM FULLERTON,
 CYRUS W. FISHER,
 DONALD W. CAMPBELL,
 WILLIAM G. EVANS,
 SIDNEY H. SCHRÖTER,
 HENRY FALKE,
 ARTHUR F. HARLOW,
 ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER,

BOOTH M. MALONE.

We recommend that the amendment to the laws of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, and the revised Laws of Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, referred to by the Grand Commander, be approved.

We have examined the revised By-Laws of Greeley Commandery No. 10, and approve them with the following recommendations:

First—That each Article of the By-Laws be designated by a term describing its nature.

Second—That Section 2 of Article IX be placed under Article IV, and be numbered Section 6.

Third—That Article IX be revised so that it will be compulsory on each applicant for the Order of the Temple to provide himself a uniform before the Order is conferred.

Your Committee on Returns and Work have examined the returns of all chartered Commanderies and find them correct, with the following exceptions: The returns of Glenwood Commandery No. 20 show that it has twenty-six members, but has paid dues for only twenty-four, leaving the report \$1.00 short.

The returns of Rio Grande del Norte No. 15 we recommend be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. STRICKLER,
M. W. HISSEY,
W. G. ADAMS.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The following report was read, and on motion of Sir Knight I. W. Stanton adopted, and warrants ordered drawn as therein recommended:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual reports of your Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they have carefully examined the same and have found them correct, and that there is now in the Grand Treasury the sum of \$7398.78, for which a certified check is presented.

From the report of the incidental expenses of the Grand Recorder's office we find an overdraft of \$18.12. We would recommend that a warrant be drawn upon the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Grand Recorder for \$18.12, to cover such deficit; and that the sum of \$175.00 be appropriated from the funds in the Grand Treasury to cover incidental expenses of his office for the ensuing year; and that the Grand Recorder include in his expenses the incidental expenses of this Conclave.

We also report the following Officers of the Grand Commandery and the Representatives from the subordinate Commanderies

entitled to the following sums, covering their actual traveling expenses, and recommend that a warrant be drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for \$325.35, covering such amounts, and that he be directed to pay the Sir Knights the said amounts, to wit:

W. W. Rowan	C. G.	\$37 30
E. P. Shove	S. W.	24 60
Geo. J. Dunbaugh	J. W.	9 30
Chas. H. Baker	Sw. B.	2 00
Jno. M. Maxwell	St. B.	20 00
Frank C. Young	War.	37 25
Samuel Hurdy	No. 4	6 00
Daniel McNiven	No. 5	20 00
M. W. Hissey	No. 7	3 20
Jas. S. Lawrence	No. 8	24 60
Joe. W. Milsom	No. 9	13 00
J. A. Woodbury	No. 10	2 80
Jno. A. Buckley	No. 12	2 00
W. D. Clark	No. 14	30 70
W. W. Roller	No. 17	16 00
I. H. Rapp	No. 18	22 10
J. J. Bender	No. 21	9 00
R. A. Steen	No. 22	14 50
L. M. Miller	No. 23	31 00
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Courteously submitted.

J. H. PEABODY,
 SILAS W. CHANEY,
 JNO. M. MAXWELL.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir Knight James H. Peabody presented the following reports from the Committee on Jurisprudence, which were adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred a letter from Sir D. S. Harper, Recorder of Oriental Commandery No. 18, courteously report as follows:

The petition sets forth the following state of facts:

"A petition has been presented to receive the orders by one who says that he received the orders in a Commandery in Arkansas which, together with all records, has been destroyed by fire; also, that he has no proofs of ever being a member of the order, and that his reason for presenting his petition to our Commandery is, that he would rather receive the orders and pay full fees than to take the trouble and expense of looking up the proofs. As to whether any one has any proofs positive as to these facts, I am not able to say. What action do you advise on this petition?"

Your Committee are of the opinion that if such statements are true, there is nothing in Templar law to prevent the Commandery from receiving the application and acting upon it in the ordinary

way. Nor, upon proof of the said facts, substantially as stated, from conferring the orders upon the candidate, if elected.

Your committee have also considered the recommendation of the Grand Commander with reference to violation of Templar law by Commanderies appearing in Templar uniform without dispensations. The law upon this point is perfectly plain, and requires no construction, but as it may have been inadvertently violated, your committee recommend that the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction be notified by the Grand Recorder that any further violation of said law will subject them to summary discipline.

Courteously submitted.

J. H. PEABODY,
GEORGE WYMAN,
BYRON L. CARR,
Committee.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

The communications of Sir Wm. H. Dixon, Recorder of Rio Grande del Norte Commandery No. 15, with reference to the status of John B. McDowell, have been referred to your Committee on Jurisprudence. As near as your Committee have been able to discover, the facts appear to be as follows:

By request of No. 15, said McDowell was on the twelfth day of November, 1892, constituted a Knight of the Red Cross, and on December 1, 1892, he was created a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta by Salida Commandery No. 17. The report of No. 17 says he is a member of No. 15, and should be so reported for 1893. The report of No. 15 makes no mention of the transaction, and he is not carried upon the roll of that Commandery.

It further appears that on May 22, 1893, a dimit was issued by No. 15, but the name of person so sought to be knighted does not appear upon the returns of either Commandery.

The question arises upon a disagreement between the two Commanderies concerning the division of fees.

It appears that no dispensation was ever issued by the Grand Commander, in accordance with Section 1, Title XLIV, Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, which provides:

"A Commandery cannot confer the orders upon a candidate elected by another Commandery, at the request of such other Commandery, without a dispensation."

The action of Salida Commandery No. 17, in attempting to confer the orders was illegal and of no effect, and the said John B. McDowell is not legally a member of either Commandery, and technically not a member of the order; but inasmuch as the said John B. McDowell is entirely blameless in the matter—the blame resting entirely upon Salida Commandery No. 17—we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the status of John B. McDowell as a Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta be and the same is hereby healed, and he is hereby declared a member of said orders in good standing, and the Grand Recorder is hereby instructed to issue to the said Sir John B. McDowell a certificate of good standing, which may be used as a dimit for the purpose of gaining membership in any subordinate Commandery.

It further appears to your committee that the fees for the orders have been paid by Sir Knight McDowell as follows: \$40.00 to No. 15 and \$35.00 to No. 17, and that the Grand Commandery fee of \$5.00 has not been paid. We therefore recommend that the Grand Commandery fee of \$5.00 be paid by No. 17, and No. 15 be permitted to retain the amount of money already received.

Courteously submitted.

J. H. PEABODY,
GEORGE WYMAN,
BYRON L. CARR.
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRILL.

To the Grand Commandery:

We, your committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Commander's address pertaining to drill, would most respectfully recommend: That the Grand Commandery request each subordinate Commandery to perfect themselves in Grant's Tactics, to be able to compete at the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery for the trophy which this Grand Commandery has already provided.

Courteously submitted,

W. W. ROWAN,
S. W. CHANEY,
G. W. ROE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Commander's address about the new ritual, respectfully report and recommend that upon the receipt of the ritual, the Grand Recorder, under the direction of the Grand Commander, distribute the same to the subordinate Commanderies, with proper rules and instructions for the preservation and delivery of same to succeeding officers, and that the Commanderies be requested to use the new ritual at once; but in any event all the subordinate Commanderies must be prepared use the same on and after the first day of January next as required by the action of the Grand Encampment.

W. D. ANTHONY,
H. M. ORAHOD,
J. P. MAXWELL.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, reported that nothing had been referred to them for consideration.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Knight Harper M. Orahood presented the Report on Correspondence, which was ordered published with our Proceedings. [See Appendix.]

PAY OF OFFICERS.

Sir Knight Harper M. Orahood offered the following, which was adopted, and warrants ordered drawn as therein recommended:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder, for services for the past year, and the sum of ten dollars be appropriated to Sir Thomas Linton, Grand Captain of the Guard, for services at this Annual Conclave.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Sir Knights Daniel McNiven, James S. Lawrence, George W. Roe and Henry C. Frost were appointed to collect the ballots.

The balloting resulted in the election of :

ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY, Denver	G. C.
WILLIAM D. TODD, Denver.....	D. G. C.
WILLIAM W. ROWAN, Ouray.....	G. G.
EUGENE P. SHOVE, Gunnison.....	G. C. G.
RICHARD HARVEY, Central City.....	G. Pre.
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH, Pueblo.....	G. S. W.
JOHN M. MAXWELL, Leadville.....	G. J. W.
GEORGE WYMAN, Denver.....	G. Treas.
ED. C. PARMELEE, Denver.....	G. Rec.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read:

CHARLES H. BAKER, Longmont.....	G. Standard B.
FRANK H. YOUNG, Durango.....	G. Sword B.
LAWRENCE M. MILLER, Grand Junction.....	G. Warder
THOMAS LINTON, Denver	G. C. of Guard

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers, elected and appointed, were duly installed, and assumed their respective posts.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

R.: E.: Grand Commander A. B. McGaffey presented a Past Grand Commander's jewel to Alphonse A. Burnand, our retiring Grand Commander, who returned thanks in appropriate terms.

THANKS.

The following was adopted unanimously, presented by P.: G.: Commander Peabody:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1, for their escort duty to this Grand Commandery on the morning of June 6, 1893.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

JAMES H. PEABODY.....	Cañon City
BYRON L. CABR.....	Longmont
ALPHONSE A. BURNAND.....	Leadville

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD.....	Denver
JOSEPH W. MILSOM.....	Cañon City
ROBERT A. STEEN.....	La Junta

MINUTES READ.

The minutes of the Conclave were read and approved.

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commandery adjourned, to meet in Denver Tuesday, June 5, 1894.

ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:



Grand Recorder.

EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 6, 1893, 7 o'clock p. m.

Present the Grand Officers and a very large number of Sir Knights.

DENVER COMMANDERY No. 25.

The R. E. Grand Commander, Albert B. McGaffey, assisted by the other Grand Officers, constituted Denver Commandery No. 25 in knightly form, and installed its officers. Past Grand Commander Webster D. Anthony acting as Grand Marshal.

Denver Commandery No. 25 closed, and

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1

Opened in stated Conclave, when the Order of the Temple was conferred on a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, according to the new Ritual, by the Sir Knights as officers announced by R. E. Grand Commander Burnand in his address.

All present were well pleased with the work.

After the Commandery was closed, the Sir Knights, as guests of Denver Commandery No. 25, repaired to the banquet hall, where the Knife and Fork Degree was conferred with full ceremonies.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATUTES.

FORMS.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT LAWS.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following named jurisdictions:

Alabama	32d Annual Conclave	May 11, 1892
Arkansas	20th Annual Conclave	April 19, 1892
California	34th Annual Conclave	April 21, 1892
Canada	9th Annual Conclave	July 19, 1892
Connecticut	65th Annual Conclave	Mar. 15, 1892
Georgia	31st Annual Conclave	May 4, 1892
Illinois	36th Annual Conclave	Oct. 25, 1892
Indiana	38th Annual Conclave	April 19, 1892
Iowa	29th Annual Conclave	Sept. 20, 1892
Kansas	24th Annual Conclave	May 10, 1892
Kentucky	45th Annual Conclave	May 4, 1892
Louisiana	29th Annual Conclave	Feb. 12, 1892
Maine	41st Annual Conclave	May 5, 1892
Maryland	22d Annual Conclave	Nov. 22, 1892
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	87th Annual Conclave	Oct. 27, 1892
Michigan	36th Annual Conclave	May 17, 1892
Minnesota	27th Annual Conclave	June 24, 1892
Mississippi	32d Annual Conclave	Feb. 9, 1892
Missouri	31st Annual Conclave	April 26, 1892
Montana	5th Annual Conclave	Sept. 20, 1892
Nebraska	20th Annual Conclave	April 26, 1892
New Hampshire	33d Annual Conclave	Sept. 27, 1892
New Jersey	34th Annual Conclave	May 11, 1892
New York	79th Annual Conclave	Sept. 13, 1892
North Carolina	12th Annual Conclave	June 10, 1892
North Dakota	3d Annual Conclave	June 30, 1892
Ohio	50th Annual Conclave	Sept. 6, 1892
Oregon	6th Annual Conclave	Oct. 25, 1892
Pennsylvania	39th Annual Conclave	May 24, 1892
South Dakota	9th Annual Conclave	June 8, 1892
Tennessee	30th Annual Conclave	May 10, 1892
Texas	38th Annual Conclave	April 20, 1892
Vermont	50th Annual Conclave	June 14, 1892
Virginia	70th Annual Conclave	Oct. 13, 1892
Washington	5th Annual Conclave	June 10, 1892
West Virginia	18th Annual Conclave	May 11, 1892
Wisconsin	34th Annual Conclave	Oct. 11, 1892
Wyoming	5th Annual Conclave	July 8, 1892
Grand Encampment	25th Triennial Conclave	Aug. 9, 1892

ALABAMA—1892.

We are pleased to quote the following from the Grand Commander's address:

It is particularly gratifying to me to inform you that peace and prosperity prevail within the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, and I give you the assurance that beneath our broad banners the increase of membership is perhaps all that could be desired. Our relations with foreign Grand Commanderies are of the most friendly and cordial character.

Under the head of Decisions we find the following. We should say prefer charges, and if the facts are as stated, fire him out:

September 22, 1891, application was made to me to act on a petition from Tusculum Commandery No. 16, the purport of which was as follows: At the organization of the Commandery there was among the number a saloon keeper, who, in order to receive the orders, obligated himself to dispose of his business and from that time forward never go behind his bar, or enjoy the profits arising from the sale of liquors. Upon this pledge he was allowed to proceed, but instead of living up to his obligations to P. G. Commander Alexander in any single instance, he recently opened a very disorderly bar and pool room in same building, whose patrons are of the lowest character of humanity. The petitioners ask the following questions: "Can a man be a Knight Templar and wield his sword against the Christian religion? Can a man be a Knight Templar and deal out destruction to his fellow man? Does not he by so doing render himself an unfit associate for all true and courteous Sir Knights?"

To the first question I answer, no. The other two questions and the prayer asked, taken together, I decided as follows:

The simple act of keeping a saloon is not a Masonic offense, but it may be run in such a disreputable manner as to become one. In the present case, the remedy is entirely in the hands of your Commandery. The Sir Knight cannot be tried for a violation of his vow, but if the Sir Knights of your Commandery think it best, he can be tried for the constant violation of the solemn pledge given by him to P. G. Commander Alexander and punishment awarded; then if he feels aggrieved, he can appeal to the Grand Commandery.

What Brother De Lap calls "armed religion" or "dress-parade piety" was indulged in:

The lines were formed and the Grand Commandery proceeded under the escort of Selma Commandery No. 5, to St. Paul's Episcopal church, where public devotional services were held, and an address delivered by Sir Gardiner C. Tucker.

There was a reception and banquet:

Looking back upon the year that has passed since the last Conclave, light and shadows appear thickly scattered over the record, but it is a matter for congratulation that the sunshine is far in the ascendancy. One of the brightest spots is the Conclave just closed. The Sir Knights of Selma Commandery seemed to have but one thought, that was, to make everyone have a "good time," and right well did they succeed in their endeavors. On Thursday evening, after the labors of the Conclave were ended, a handsome reception was given at the Asylum, followed by an elegant banquet at the St. James hotel, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the two hundred guests present.

Sir George F. Moore makes a very readable Report on Correspondence. Colorado receives more than average space and attention.

We appreciate the pressure he speaks of in his conclusion:

We have done our work in the midst of much pressure of business in order to have it ready and in print by the time the Grand Commandery meets at Selma. We have reviewed the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Bodies, and have endeav-

ored to bring therefrom something which will interest and instruct, and which at the same time will be of use in advancing the interests of the Order. With what measure of success we have performed our task, we leave to your fraternal and kindly judgment.

We have endeavored to be just and fair to all the members of the "Corps Reportorial," and while we have said many things jestingly, we have said nothing which we think could offend any Brother, no matter how sensitive, and to one and all we return our most sincere thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness which they have, one and all, shown us.

Sir John A. McKinnon, Grand Commander.

Sir Edmund R. Hastings reflected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1892.

This Conclave was, in a way, an anniversary. The Grand Commander says:

Twenty years ago the twenty-third day of March last, the Grand Commandery of Arkansas was created. Twenty years ago, in the small village, but now beautiful and prosperous city of Fort Smith, there assembled the Sir Knights hailing from the different Commanderies, who organized the convention that formed and created the Grand Commandery of Arkansas. It is with peculiar appropriateness, and perhaps an unthought pleasure, that it has so happened, then, that as the score of years have sped their never-ending march, even so has it brought the Twentieth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery back again to its birthplace, so that in the assembly of this Conclave our Fraters may renew old associations and revive the memories, pleasures and recollections of such an important and eventful occasion.

There seems to be a general improvement in the condition of the Order, as shown by the Grand Commander's address:

The year has not been characterized by any special energy in our Commanderies, nor has the general zeal and activity prevailed that I could have wished, yet I am pleased to say that the accessions to our ranks by membership have been very gratifying, and in one or two localities remarkably so. Greater interest has been manifested in the selection of members, and the scaling of character and peculiar fitness has been thorough and close.

In my judgment, the conferring of the orders in all of the ceremonies has been more carefully and completely performed in a great number of the Commanderies than upon any previous year in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction. In my official or informal visitations, and from other information, I have found greater uniformity in conferring the orders than heretofore, and I feel that there is a commendable desire inspiring all officers to have a uniform ritual, ceremonials as well as essentials, and that a laudable spirit animates each to correct and teach each other in the work. Especially have I found it so among the Grand officers with whom I have been associated in conferring the orders.

The Grand Commander during the year visited most of the Commanderies in the jurisdiction. This may account, in part at least, for the increased interest. Official visitations are to be commended:

Official visitations are, in my judgment, the means of producing so much good feeling, of creating a closer fellowship, of inspiring energy, a renewed action and many times a pleasing strife among the Fraters to raise the standard of their efforts and efficiency in their work, that it is with feelings of regret that I have to report that I have not been able to visit all the Commanderies in this jurisdiction. I am pleased to say that in no case have I been asked to make a visitation that I did not comply, with one exception.

The following recommendation was approved by report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the report adopted.

It is in harmony with the general course of other Grand Commanderies on the same subject:

I recommend that Easter Sunday, or Ascension Day, be commemorated by public observance by all subordinate Commanderies, where practicable to do so. The observance of these anniversaries is a growing, a laudable and a good one.

Sir Knight Adams again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is condensed, but contains all the general information required by the members of the Order pertaining to the various jurisdictions.

Sir Charles E. Rosenbaum, Grand Commander.

Sir James A. Henry reelected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA - 1892.

Grand Commander Johnson, in his address, says:

After much experience in life, and after a great deal of experience in Masonry, I can truthfully furnish this testimonial, that, aside from the elevating and evangelical influences of the Christian church, there is no institution which can compare in its aims, its aspirations, its creed, and its results, with the Orders of Christian Knighthood.

I am pleased to state, also, that peace reigns in this jurisdiction; that there are no appeals or grievances to consider, and no contention, "except that noble contention, or rather emulation, as to who best can work and best agree." The membership is rapidly increasing, and the material is the best in the State.

He visited several Commanderies, but was unable to accept all the invitations received:

If life was not too short, at least business was too pressing and health too uncertain, to visit all the Commanderies in this jurisdiction, and to accept the many invitations which I have received, but I shall bear them all in pleasant memory and consider their proffered hospitalities as actually enjoyed.

Sir Frank W. Sumner presented a report giving complete forms for a "System of Books for Subordinate Commanderies." It is very complete, and the idea or plan is a good one. The report was received and, after careful consideration, was adopted. Blank forms are given so far as necessary to show the ruling and other particulars. The following is the list:

The books of the subordinate Commanderies, which should be in charge of all Recorders, are as follows:

1. The Record Book.
2. The Book of By-Laws.
3. The Roll of Members.
4. The Black Book.
5. The Sentinel's Register.
6. The Cash Book.
7. The Journal.
8. The Ledger.
9. The Book of Receipts.
10. The Draft or Warrant Book.
11. The Pass-Book or Treasurer's Receipts.
12. The Book of Questions.
13. The Biographical Record.
14. The Letter Press or Copy Book.
15. The Scrap Book.

The committee would suggest, should this report be adopted, that the Grand Commandery direct its Grand Recorder to have these books prepared for delivery to subordinate Commanderies. By such a regulation all the books can be according to the same form, and the cost of the books would be materially lessened.

A great deal of business of local interest was transacted. Grand Captain General Edward S. Lippitt makes the Report on Correspondence. While sorry to miss the full and complete reports of Grand Recorder Caswell, we are glad to know that he has so able a successor.

Colorado for 1891 receives full and kindly notice. In commenting on Grand Commander Wyman's address, we note the following, with full approval:

The Grand Commander regrets his inability to visit more of the subordinate Commanderies. This is a loss which all Commanderies not visited must sadly feel. No fact is more settled than the great benefit derived by the Commanderies from the visitation of the Grand Commander and other Grand Officers.

From his conclusion we take the following, and concur in the tribute to Brother Caswell:

A few days before the assembly of the Annual Conclave of California Grand Commandery, Sir Thomas H. Caswell, so long the correspondent of this Grand Body, informed me that on account of his illness, which had affected his eyes, he had been unable to write up his correspondence, and would not be able to do so, and asked me, as a friend of long standing, to take the work off of his hands. I consented, and to the best of my ability in the short time allowed, have performed the task. My brethren of the corps of correspondents will, I know, pardon my shortcomings, and not too often say, "How far short of Sir Caswell has he come!" You don't know it half as well as I do. He, by years of devotion, has become familiar with Templar law, rituals and usage; and by years of courteous intercourse has become well known to the fraters of other jurisdictions. What was a task to me at first became a pleasure as I went along in the discharge of this duty. The Grand Commander having appointed me as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for next year, I hope to improve upon my first effort.

Sir Jacob Hart Neff, Grand Commander.
Sir Thomas H. Caswell reelected Grand Recorder.

CANADA—1892.

Grand Master Robertson opens his address with the following greeting:

It becomes my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the duties and responsibilities of another Annual Conclave. It is always a pleasure to meet old friends, and to make new ones is scarcely less desirable. In these annual gatherings we have admirable opportunities for the exercise of fraternal good-will and fellowship, and among Templars, I believe that these opportunities are never neglected.

He makes a pleasing report of the condition of the Order:

I am happy to be able to inform you that during the past year Templarism in Canada has been more than usually prosperous. One new Preceptory has been formed and there are good prospects for three others in the near future. The increase in membership has been greater than for a number of years past, and the returns and receipts this year exceed those of any previous year since our organization.

In view of what we have said in former reports about the change of feeling pervading the rank and file of our Canada Fraters, the following is significant, showing that the progressive element has prevailed or rather, is prevailing:

We are now evidently in what may be termed a transitional state in the history of Great Priory. The old *regime* has passed away. The new one is yet to come. Old ways and old manners must give way to newer and more progressive ideas. The times change, and we must change with them. I fully recognize the situation and as a bridge between the old and the new, my term of office may be styled an *interim*, a period of change during which no great things were to be expected, but during which the moving forces were to gather for the onward movement.

The Ritual Committee unanimously agreed upon and reported a ritual which was adopted. We give part of the report:

The committee were enabled to unanimously agree on a ritual, which is herewith submitted. It will be noticed that the greater portion of the old ritual has been retained. Slight changes have been made, which will tend to shorten rather than lengthen the ceremonies. A system of military movements or drill has been introduced with the opening and closing ceremonies, but so simple in its character that no trouble may be anticipated in memorizing and perfecting same, and is as workable by the un-uniformed as the uniformed Preceptories. The committee earnestly recommend the adoption of the ritual submitted. As the various Fraters throughout the jurisdiction have declared against any radical change, their wishes have been favored. The best ideas which could be gathered from old English and Canadian rituals have been introduced. Your Council feel satisfied that the immediate adoption of same will be in the best interests of the Templar order of Canada.

Past Grand Master Robertson again makes the Report on Correspondence. Speaking of the proceedings of the different Grand Commanderies in the United States, he says:

All these proceedings have been carefully examined and the extracts which we give will be found to be the most interesting and instructive passages occurring in the several jurisdictions. It is with much satisfaction that your committee are able to report a continuance of harmony and prosperity throughout the Templar world.

Our proceedings for 1891 are fully and kindly noticed.
Sir E. T. Malone, Grand Master.
Sir Daniel Spry reëlected Grand Chancellor.

CONNECTICUT— 1892.

We quote from Grand Commander Lippitt's address :

The year has been one of unexampled prosperity in many of the Commanderies in our Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander made official visits to all the Commanderies excepting one. His report of each shows the necessity, or rather desirability, of the following advice or suggestions, in which we concur, regarding official visitations generally:

Frequent reference has necessarily been made to the banquets, but I trust I may not be understood as giving them undue prominence. I have thought that in some cases, perhaps, there has been too great an outlay of money in the preparation of these very pleasant feasts. Their principal object, of course, is to give the Sir Knights opportunity for social intercourse and a better acquaintance, which is very desirable; but I fear that in some cases they have been burdensome to the Commanderies, and I would suggest that they be made simpler and less expensive. The principal object of official visitation is to inspect the work and try to elevate it to the highest attainable standard; and the banquets should not be considered of sufficient importance to interfere therewith.

The black uniform, substantially as worn by Washington Commandery No. 1, was adopted.

There was an exemplification of the work, followed by a reception and banquet:

By invitation of Columbian Commandery No. 4, the officers and members of the Grand Commandery assembled at the Asylum in Norwich, Monday evening, preceding the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, to witness conferring the Order of the Temple. The Sir Knights had assembled from all sections of the State, and, as has been the custom for several years, the local Commandery conferred the Templar Order in the presence of the Grand Officers. The Order of the Temple was conferred in all its impressiveness, and called forth the heartiest congratulations of the Grand Commandery and visiting Sir Knights.

After the Commandery was closed, all repaired to the public hall, and attended the further proceedings in the usual form.

Grand Recorder Wheeler again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is full and complete. He makes very few quotations, writing at length what he has to say. In our own work we often prefer to quote what is said in the reports, rather than try to tell in language of our own what was said. So, without apology, and with approval, we quote Brother Wheeler's tribute to Sir Knight Carson:

But we have tarried long and pleasantly with our old friend. He may sometimes appear a little crusty, yet behind all his eccentricities there lies a heart as warm and true as that of any valiant Knight. No milky fluid runs in his veins, but red, hot blood; and, combined with his determined will, there is a tenderness of heart that yields to the proper touch, illuminating his soul with love to man, and trust in the Great Captain.

Again, we quote from his conclusion:

The condition of the order seems to be exceedingly prosperous and harmonious, and the number of Sir Knights is rapidly increasing, making it one of the most popular and influential bodies in the country. The moral tone of the order is plainly manifested in the published proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies as advancing rather than retrograding, which is an evidence that the underlying principles of Christian Knighthood are more firmly grasped by the leading minds, and recognized as of more importance than uniformity of ritual, or prize drills and dress parades.

Sir Christian Swartz, Grand Commander.

Sir Joseph K. Wheeler reflected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA—1892.

The proceedings commenced as follows:

The officers of the Grand Commandery having been escorted from the headquarters to the Asylum of De Molay Commandery No. 5, Right Eminent Sir Allen S. Cutts, on behalf of De Molay Commandery, made the address of welcome.

Grand Commander Nunn made an appropriate response. The Grand Commander makes an able address. Among other things, he devotes considerable space to urging the establishment of a Masonic Home.

Public services were held at the Methodist church and Rev. Sir A. M. Williams delivered an address, which is given in full. We note the following.

Music is one of the leading features of our devotional service and the impressive and soul-stirring manner in which it was rendered upon this occasion marks this as one of the most impressive and enjoyable services held by this Grand Commandery.

Sir Roland B. Hall, P. G. C., makes the Report on Correspondence. He makes an excellent report, notwithstanding the doubt expressed in his opening:

A period of six years having elapsed since I wielded the reportorial scissors, renders my present effort almost that of a novice. This, together with succeeding those Eminent Templars who have so ably presided over this department during my retirement, creates grave doubts in my mind of my ability to acceptably perform the duties pertaining to the position with which your partiality has honored me.

Sir George W. McElhaney, Grand Commander.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, reelected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1893.

We quote from Grand Commander Springs' address:

Another Templar year—the thirty-fifth—in the history of this Grand Commandery is fast drawing to a close, and the time has now arrived when it becomes my duty as your executive officer to render an account of my official doings for the past year, and to submit them for your consideration. Before proceeding to do so, however, I desire to congratulate you all on the general prosperity and growth of the Order during the year just closing. The number created has been larger than any previous year in the history of the Grand Commandery, and, with possibly two or three exceptions, all of our constituent Commanderies have prospered to a greater or less extent. The Commanderies generally are doing better work. The officers as a rule are more prompt in fulfilling the requirements of the Grand Commandery laws and regulations, the annual reports are most encouraging, hospitality and Knightly courtesy is exhibited in every Commandery, those Christian duties which are a part of our profession have been more generally observed than heretofore, and the condition of Templar Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction is of the most satisfactory character.

We believe the ballot should *always* be regularly taken, and that the custom of voting for some individual to cast the whole number of votes for some particular person named, is wrong in practice, however it may be in a

strictly legal point of view. We therefore approve the following decision of the Grand Commander:

Is it legal for the Recorder to cast the ballot of the Commandery for election of five (5) Trustees, or should they be elected by the individual votes of the Sir Knights present?

I decided that a strict construction of the law would require them to be balloted for by the deposit of individual ballots, the same as if there were two sets of candidates for the same position.

Of the Grand Encampment he says:

The Grand Encampment was in session four days and transacted the business thereof in a highly proper and dignified manner. There were present from Illinois as Representatives, Past Grand Commander John C. Smith, Geo. M. Moulton, Loyal L. Munn, J. F. Nash, your Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Recorder, proxy for the Grand Captain General, all of whom were present at each session of the Grand Encampment. Illinois was again honored by the election of R. E. Sir George M. Moulton to the office of Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment, R. E. Sir John C. Smith serving as a member of the Ritual Committee, and your Grand Commander as a member of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. The most important legislation, and one which we all are most interested in, was the adoption of a new Ritual for all Grand and Subordinate Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. This Ritual, after being worked upon by a sub-committee for three years, was unanimously reported upon by the general committee, which was composed of one member from each state, and after being presented to and considered by the Grand Encampment, was adopted unanimously.

The day of the grand parade was one long to be remembered, the weather was cool and as pleasant as could have been desired. The line consisted of fourteen divisions, Illinois alone composing the eighth, and was the only state (Colorado excepted) which composed a division by itself.

Sir John Corson Smith again makes the Report on Correspondence. He opens with a reference to the Ritual Committee of the Grand Encampment, and gives a good picture of the sub-committee.

Our proceedings for 1892 receive full notice.

From his review of several states we could give extended quotations with fullest approval, but our space will not admit, so we forbear entirely, with the commendation, it is all good.

Sir Charles G. Mac, Grand Commander.

Sir Gilbert W. Barnard reflected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1892.

Grand Commander Webber reports:

Peace and harmony prevail, and there have been no dissensions during the year. The report shows that there has been a net gain in membership of 111; 211 have been knighted during the year, 12 reinstated and 89 affiliated; 120 have dimitted, 37 have been suspended and 1 expelled, while death has claimed 43.

The Masonic Home question was considered, resulting in action as follows:

WHEREAS, We are taught in Templar Masonry that one of the first attributes of the Templar is to provide for the indigent widow and helpless orphan; be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to report at the next Conclave of this Grand Commandery, on the feasibility of providing a permanent home for the widows and orphans of deceased Masons of this jurisdiction.

That this committee be empowered to confer on this subject with like committees, should the same be appointed, from other Grand Masonic bodies in this jurisdiction.

Past Grand Commander Ruckle again makes the Report on Correspondence. Our Proceedings for 1891 are very fully reviewed, and approved with some qualifications. As usual, his statistics are very carefully prepared.

Sir Joseph A. Manning, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Smythe reelected Grand Recorder.

IOWA—1892.

Among the first proceedings we find the following:

Past Grand Commander Edward A. Guilbert, of Siloam Commandery No. 3, on behalf of the Sir Knights of Dubuque, with words of royal significance, welcomed the Sir Knights to the city of Dubuque, and tendered again the Knightly hospitality of Siloam Commandery No. 3. Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander E. Olin Soule, in a few well chosen words, made the response.

The Grand Commander was unable to be present, and his address was read by the Deputy Grand Commander. We quote:

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity and activity. The returns from subordinate Commanderies show a healthy and substantial growth in membership, and nothing has transpired to disturb the peace and harmony throughout our borders.

Of the place of meeting he says:

For the past two years we have held our Conclaves "under our own vine and fig-tree," upon the quiet banks of the beautiful Spirit lake, but to-day we have again returned to the busy haunts of men, here among the activity and bustle of commercial life, in this splendid city of Dubuque, so beautifully situated upon the banks of the mighty Mississippi.

Further on, he says of Templar Park:

This valuable property, so delightfully situated upon the banks of Spirit lake, and where the Grand Commandery has held its past two Annual Conclaves, is undergoing substantial improvements, under the direction of the efficient Board of Trustees. Commodious quarters are being erected, and by next July the buildings and grounds will be in such condition that those who attend the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, which I sincerely trust will be held there, may feel a just pride in knowing that this beautiful spot belongs to the Knights Templar of Iowa, and is a haven of rest, the like of which no other Grand Jurisdiction throughout the entire nation enjoys the possession of.

Speaking of the last Triennial, among other things, he says:

The peculiar and unpleasant position that the Iowa Templars found themselves placed in three years ago prevented many from attending the Triennial at Washington, D. C. Your Grand Officers realized soon after our last Annual Conclave that the Knights Templar from Iowa would go to Denver in large numbers, owing partly to the splendid railway facilities affording an opportunity for many to visit Denver and the Rocky Mountains for the first time in their lives, at a very

moderate expense, and largely from the fact that the Iowa Templars were once more in full fellowship with the Templar world, and would again assume their place and rank in the grand parade and in the deliberations of the Grand Encampment. The citizens of Denver, as well as the Knights Templar of Colorado, cannot be too highly praised for the royal reception they accorded to the thousands of visitors gathered within their gates from every State and Territory in this vast nation. The city was, indeed, in holiday attire. The magnificent public buildings, business blocks, and beautiful residences throughout the entire city were most elaborately decorated, and at night illuminated as probably never a city was illuminated before. Public buildings, club houses, and private residences were thrown open to us, and without doubt never in the history of our Order has a Triennial gathering met with a more hearty and cordial welcome than was extended by the beautiful city of Denver.

They are pleased with the Ritual:

The Ritual of the Red Cross and of the Temple, as reported by the committee, was adopted by the Encampment, without a dissenting voice. It is with more than ordinary pleasure and satisfaction that I am able to report that this bone of contention, which has been the subject of so much discussion for the past twenty-four years in the Grand Encampment, has at last been disposed of, and in a manner that should be highly pleasing to every Iowa Templar, especially when they learn that the Ritual adopted is, with a very few minor changes, practically our present Iowa work.

We cannot pass the following without giving it, with our approval:

Some are inclined to think that our Order has increased so in membership that these Triennial gatherings are becoming too unwieldy for an ordinary city to accommodate, and that the vast sum expended at each Triennial should be used for charitable purposes. While there may be some force in the thought, I am not in favor of doing away with these Triennial gatherings. Once in three years the Knights Templar of the country are afforded an opportunity of meeting and mingling with Sir Knights from all portions of this great nation, making new acquaintances and renewing old ones, and associating with and studying the peculiarities of those from other parts of the country, as they study ours. It tends to broaden one's views, make him more liberal and charitable, and he returns to his narrowed home circle with a larger regard for the Order, animated with more ennobling thoughts and exalted aspirations.

The following we take from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Your committee note with pleasure that the action of this Grand Commandery at its last Conclave, regarding the duty of those few Knights Templar in this jurisdiction who were members of the so-called Cerneau organization, requiring them to withdraw therefrom, has been so uniformly complied with and had such a salutary effect. We rejoice that any appearance of discord that may have been feared has passed away, and that prosperity and harmony prevail throughout the entire jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight Babb and Sir Knight Coxe jointly. Of his co-laborer, Brother Babb says:

To the Mutuals, to whom he may be a stranger, we would say you will find him not only a ripe scholar, but also a genial, earnest Christian Templar. If he continues in this field, as we trust he may, he will speak for himself, and will, we predict, be found in the front ranks fighting manfully for whatever may elevate the standard of our Order in the future.

Our proceedings for 1891 are fully reviewed with approval by Brother Babb, for which, and kindly personal mention, thanks.

Sir E. Olin Soule, Grand Commander.

Sir Alf. Wingate reelected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS - 1892.

Of the condition of the Order, Grand Commander Corbett says:

We are to be congratulated on the great prosperity of our Order; but let us remember our success does not depend so much upon a large membership as upon duties well performed.

Grand Treasurer Sir Christian Beck died February 2, 1892. An excellent steel engraved portrait of him is given, and Grand Recorder Brown prepared a very excellent memorial.

Grand Recorder Brown again makes the Report on Correspondence. He quotes our conclusion in the Report of 1891, with general, or rather slightly qualified, approval. He commences his Report without preface, and quits when he gets through the Reports, without any conclusion.

Sir Edward C. Culp, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Brown reelected Grand Recorder.

NOTE. Since this was written we have received the sad news of the death of Sir Knight Brown, which occurred at his home, Kansas City, Kansas, March 12, 1893. From the General Order of the Grand Commander announcing his death, we take the following:

On a peaceful Spring Sabbath, March 12, 1893, with the glorious sun enthroned in refulgent splendor in the zenith, as if to proclaim the coming of Heaven's favored guest, the spirit of our beloved frater winged its flight to the asylum of eternal rest. Though he had been ill for several weeks, his death was unlooked for. Though sudden, it was peaceful and calm, like sweet sleep to tired nature. But how heavy the blow! To the Craft in Kansas, it is almost as if the very corner-stone had been removed from our cherished Temple. The name of John H. Brown is written on nearly every page of the history of Masonry in Kansas, and the influence of his genial, manly, noble nature is impressed on many a heart. Masonry was his life's work, and on every hand are enduring monuments to his fidelity and his zeal. Though gone from us, his work still lives, and the recollection of his many virtues will linger, like a sweet fragrance, in the halls of memory.

KENTUCKY - 1892.

The usual procession and public services took place, followed by an address of welcome and reply. We quote from Grand Commander Pruett's address:

It affords me rare pleasure, Sir Knights, to be able to inform you that during my official term of office not a single incident has arisen where inquiry has been made calling for decision upon any well-settled proposition of Templar Jurisprudence. No question of difference has been brought to my attention, and I have no matter of grievance to refer to; on the contrary, I am glad to be able to report that, through the comity of fraternal relations, we are in perfect accord with all of our

sister Grand Jurisdictions, and that a state of good feeling and harmony exists among the members in all the subornate bodies of this State, whilst our numerical growth as an Order is deserving of especial mention.

The Masonic Home receives extended notice. We give a part:

Whilst all Kentucky Masons have just reason to be proud of our Home, at the same time I feel that each Templar in the State should in an especial manner realize a personal responsibility in the continued prosperity of this living illustration of the principles of our Order.

We are surprised to learn the number of inmates:

There are now in actual numbers under its sheltering roof, one hundred and eighty-one orphan children of our Brethren, who without this institution would be homeless and destitute, exposed to all the trials and temptations of a cold, selfish and wicked world. There are also fifteen widows of our Brethren, who, through the mysterious dispensations of Providence, have been deprived of the protection and companionship of their husbands.

Thus we see at a glance that nearly two hundred precious souls are now looking to us as the ones in whom they can trust—the ones on whom they may lean. Shall we stand by the pledges we have voluntarily made, is a question for us to answer. That they need our assistance is clearly shown in the report of the Superintendent lately made in the Home Journal, which shows that the present income from assessments and endowment fund is about five thousand dollars short of the present actual expenses of the Home. By a recent showing, we find the cost *per capita* of the English boys' school is \$220.00, while the cost *per capita* of our Home last year was \$114.00; taking in consideration the fact that everything, except possibly food, is much cheaper in England than in this country, we at once realize the care and economy exercised by those in authority over our Home.

Speaking of the Report on Correspondence, he says of its author, and we fully agree with him:

Past Grand Commander Woodruff is an active, progressive Templar, having clear ideas as to the history, jurisprudence and rightful influence of our noble Order. He has rendered a large amount of intelligent service to Templary, and his ability and faithfulness have been shown in every official position to which he has been called. The Grand Commandery of Kentucky has every reason to be proud of her representation in the Guild Reportorial, and I trust that he may be spared for many years of continued usefulness among the brethren with whom he walks in such pleasant communion and true sympathy.

Turning to the Report, as might be expected, we find it full and complete. Our Proceedings for 1891 are fully reviewed, with full quotations. In his conclusion, he says:

A marked increase in membership will be observed in the majority of the jurisdictions under review, stimulated, no doubt, by the approaching Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, and rapidly approximating a total of one hundred thousand Sir Knights. This is a superb showing of the success and prosperity of our Order, which in 1856 contained but one hundred and thirty-seven subordinate Commanderies, with a membership of only four thousand seven hundred and ten. In this prosperous movement the Grand Commandery of Kentucky has kept well to the front since its organization, October 5, 1847.

Sir Charles H. Fisk, Grand Commander.

Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger reelected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1892.

From Grand Commander Badger's address, we take the following:

Our Order has labored under some disadvantages during the year, notably the unsuitable asylum temporarily used by the Grand Commandery and New Orleans

Commanderies. A new asylum, complete in all respects, has been secured in the new temple now nearing completion, where orders may be conferred and Conclaves held under better auspices. We have suffered a small loss of membership in the aggregate since our last Annual Conclave, as shown by the reports, but this is due to the fact that many Sir Knights of Baton Rouge Commandery—charter recently surrendered—have not, as yet, affiliated with other Commanderies of this jurisdiction. I trust all will do so in the near future.

A resolution was adopted, approving a uniform, the full details of which are given. Brass buttons are discarded, but the baldric is retained.

Sir Samuel Alston, Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert reelected Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1892.

In the Grand Commander's address we find a fitting tribute to the memory of their deceased Grand Recorder, a man of national reputation, and who will be greatly missed in the Masonic world:

Eminent Sir Ira Berry, our venerable and much loved Grand Recorder, died in this city September 20, 1891, and his remains were deposited in the grave at Evergreen Cemetery, September 23d, his ninetieth birthday, with Masonic honors, by the Grand Lodge which he had so long and so faithfully served. M. W. Josiah H. Drummond, by request of Grand Master Taylor, officiated as Grand Master. The escort was composed of the several Masonic bodies of which he was a member, and the Grand Lodge of Maine, under escort of Portland and St. Alban Commanderies, united as one Commandery.

He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, May 3, 1854; Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, May 1, 1856, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, May 2, 1858. Thus he served thirty-seven years and five months as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and thirty-five years and five months in each of the other Grand Bodies. His close attention and painstaking interest in his work are shown by the records of which he had charge, for they are marvelous in their neatness, accuracy and beauty. Personally, those who knew him best loved him most, for he was indeed a lovable nature. He was a great favorite with children, for he was one of those rare characters in whose hearts youth is perennial. His love for his fellow men begat love in them; and he enjoyed in full measure the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. His loss is mourned and his memory revered by Masons of many jurisdictions besides our own, as shown by messages of sorrow and sympathy from almost every State in the Union and from foreign countries. We, as Masons, honor ourselves in doing honor to the memory of such men.

We note the following:

The year has been one of unbroken harmony and general prosperity. The returns show that the Order is enjoying a healthy and vigorous growth, there having been a net gain of 127 since our last conclave.

Sir Stephen Berry, the Grand Recorder, makes the Report on Correspondence. We take the liberty of using his carefully compiled statistics. His Report is very full, both in original comments and quotations.

Sir Thomas P. Shaw, Grand Commander.

Sir Stephen Berry, Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1892.

From the Grand Commander's address:

The returns from the eight subordinate Commanderies for the past year are very gratifying, as they show a net increase of thirty. Our prospects look very bright for the incoming year, and if the spirit of harmony and knightly courtesy continues to pervade the membership of all the Commanderies, we may confidently look forward for great success in Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction. There has been no question of Templar law submitted to me for decision during my term of office. This seems to indicate a harmony of feeling among the Sir Knights, and a general knowledge of the statutes and rules of our Order.

The trip to Denver to attend the Grand Encampment receives prominent notice, and he pays a compliment to our jurisdiction as hosts.

Brother Gorgas, P.: G.: C.:, gives a full Report on Correspondence. In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Encampment, he has the following to say about the Ritual:

The most important business transacted was the adoption of an excellent Ritual for both the Templar and Red Cross Orders. This Ritual, a three years' work on the part of the Committee, to the agreeable surprise of all present, was unanimously adopted, a high compliment to the committee who compiled it; and thus this vexed question, which has given rise to so much discussion, has been harmoniously disposed of, to the satisfaction, we will venture to say, of the entire body of Templars in the United States. The older members of our Maryland Commanderies will find this Ritual to conform to the Maryland work of ten years or less ago so closely that the slight difference between the two consists merely in a better phraseology in regard to a few points only.

He also compliments Denver, for which he will please accept thanks.

Of their new temple, which we commented on a year ago, he says:

When we closed our Report of 1891, it was with the hope that, before the completion of another, our Masonic bodies in Maryland would be installed in their renovated temple. But labor troubles, the elements and other causes have delayed the work to such a degree that another year may elapse before we can again occupy our Masonic Home. It is, however, gratifying to know that we shall not be disappointed in the magnificence and convenience of the restored temple.

An extract from his conclusion touches a responsive chord. We have had occasion to notice and comment on the fact he so feelingly expresses:

Scarcely a month now passes that we are not called upon to mourn Masonic brothers, companions and fraters, both of our own and sister jurisdictions, whose departure recalls many imperishable incidents of our Masonic career with which they were connected. It also impresses us with the feeling of belonging to an age that is rapidly passing away, and the beginning of another in which others will assume the duties we have performed for Masonry. But such is life—a beginning and an end.

Sir William H. Ruby, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller reelected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND 1892.

The semi-annual Conclave was held as usual.

Appropriate action was taken on the death of Past Grand Commander Nicholas Van Slyck, Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Commander, in his annual address, also pays a tribute to his memory.

The year was prosperous:

Every Commandery in the jurisdiction is in a prosperous condition, and the number of Knights Templar created almost without precedent.

The proceedings of the Grand Encampment are given quite fully. We quote a part:

The Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at Denver, with all its anticipated pleasures, with all its knightly greeting and princely hospitality, its gorgeous pageant and matchless decorations, its harmonious and profitable business sessions, fraught with matters of the most intense interest to this Grand Commandery, has come and gone, and left with us lasting memories and life-long recollection.

The Ritual, he says, is so nearly their work that they are to be congratulated on its adoption; and further:

The new Ritual was presented in a masterly manner by the Secretary of the Ritual Committee, R. E. Sir George C. Connor, of Tennessee. It was read in full before the Grand Encampment, occupying nearly an entire session, and was rendered with so much dramatic feeling and unction as to completely unman its delineator as well as many of his auditors. At its completion, the work was unanimously accepted and adopted as the only authorized Ritual of the illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the valiant and magnanimous Order of the Temple.

The Report on Correspondence is the joint production of Sir Henry W. Rugg and Sir P. V. French. In their opening, they tell how it was done. We make the quotation, though longer than we usually give:

To prepare a Report in keeping with the present condition and demands of the Order, even with a division of labor as announced is no light task. A good deal of time and thought must go into the shaping of such a paper, if it is to communicate desired information, present timely criticisms and suggestions, and contribute to an increase of interest in the organization and a greater attachment to the principles embodied therein. In the work of your committee, they have been called upon to read, digest and summarize the printed proceedings of some forty Grand Bodies, to select from the abundant material extracts of seeming importance, and to offer comments on the action taken and statements made as thus brought under review. Having the purpose to present a readable and instructive Report, they have given careful examination to the pamphlets received, which denote the movements of Templary in the various jurisdictions, and show the methods as well as the results of its procedure. In treating the matters thus brought to their attention, your committee have sought to discuss questions of present practical interest, and avoid all unpleasant personalities. Keeping in mind their relation and duty to members of their own Grand Commandery, to whom this report is primarily addressed, they have yet been duly sensitive to a feeling of comradeship drawing them toward fellow correspondents, with whom it is pleasant to come in contact by the touch of the pen as well as by the grasp of the hands. The papers of these intelligent reviewers justly claim a considerable share of attention, and frequent references thereto will be found in this Report.

The Report gives a full review of the Grand Encampment. For personal mention and remembrance, we offer thanks.

Sir William H. H. Soule. Grand Commander.
 Sir Benjamin W. Rowell reelected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN - 1892.

Grand Commander Smith, in his address, says:

As a Christian order, an acknowledgment of God's bounty to us, and of our dependence upon Him, is suitable and proper at this time, and indeed we have much to be thankful for in the continued growth and prosperity of our Order.

Nearly all the Commanderies were visited officially by the Grand Commander:

As a result of my visits to the several Commanderies, I am satisfied that the general standard of perfection is high, and is being constantly pushed higher. A few enthusiastic Commanderies have attained preeminence nearly approaching perfection; a few Commanderies, owing to untoward circumstances, chiefly, as I believe, to a lack of interest on the part of the members, have fallen behind in the march of progress. But the general average is higher than ever before, and a steady, earnest interest in the order demands of the officers a perfect familiarity with the Ritual, an asylum properly equipped, and an impressive and dramatic rendering of the work.

The Grand Recorder reports:

The returns show an increase in the membership over last year, not very rapid, but may we not hope that it is of such material as will elevate Templar Masonry?

The following seems to have had prompt and hearty attention: - promptly so:

Sir Albert Stiles, Grand Standard Bearer, on behalf of the Sir Knights of Jackson, cordially and courteously extended an invitation to the members of the Grand Commandery to attend a banquet tendered the Grand Commandery by the Sir Knights and their ladies. On motion, the invitation was cordially accepted by a unanimous and rising vote of the Grand Commandery.

When we come to Brother Innes' Report on Correspondence, we are overwhelmed. It covers 259 closely printed pages. It is all good. As we have so often said, the difficult question is to select what we think is best or most suitable for our purpose from the great mass which is all good. We necessarily leave out a great many things we would like to put in. He says:

How swiftly time flies! Again we are at our annual feast, interchanging ideas with our beloved Sir Knights of the corps reportorial. This is our twenty-second annual review, and we present it to our own Sir Knights, as well as all dispersed throughout the globe, with every good wish. May it afford them pleasure as well as information. It is written with the kindest of feelings, and with a fervent desire to tell a plain unvarnished tale of the doings of our sister Grand Commanderies.

Our Proceedings for 1891 come in for a full share of attention and pleasant comment. The picture of Past Grand Commander Teller is commented on, and the sketch of his life given in full.

He quotes what we say on the following question, and gives his reason for agreeing with us:

We ourselves use "Knights Templar," but have never been satisfied that our grammar was strictly correct: but some great, big, educated fellow tried to convince us that it was correct, and so, after laboring with the question for a long time, we decided to be governed by his decision, and we have ever since called it Knights Templar.

We give most of his conclusion. He came, and we hope he was not disappointed. He seemed to enjoy himself:

In our travels we have encountered many beautiful sentiments. The knightly expressions of all have carried gladness to our heart, and we have time and again thanked the lucky star that guided us to become a member of the grand army of Knights Templar.

To be a true Knight Templar requires that life which tends to make us better men, better citizens and better Freemasons. The lessons taught us ought to make a deep and lasting impression on our minds, and tend to fit us for an abiding place in that "temple not made with hands," and to which we are all hastening.

Of our review we have little to say: it is before our knights of the corps reportorial, and they will, we feel assured, judge it with the same love and knightly consideration that they have in the past.

None are more deeply sensible than ourself of the difficulty in writing these Reports. To avoid saying too much or too little is no easy task; to differ with others of the corps reportorial is not pleasant—much better would it be if we could all agree; but as that is not in the nature of things, we must be content to differ, when we do, in a courteous and fraternal manner. This has ever been our constant aim, and may we not hope that success in this direction has crowned our efforts? Should any of our Sir Knights feel that we have departed from this rule, we give assurances that it is the head that has "gone wrong," not the heart.

With pleasure we note that peace and harmony prevail among the several Grand jurisdictions. Each year lessens the discussions on Templar law; the salient principles appear so well settled that all who "run can read."

In a few short weeks we hope to meet many members of the corps reportorial in Denver, clasp the knightly hand of one and all, and exchange personal greetings. May the ever watchful Providence grant us an enjoyable time. Connor will be there, clothed in the habiliments of the regent of the mutuals. Orahod will be arrayed in glory, and, as the host of the occasion, gladly welcome one and all. Gathered there will be such grand men and Masons as Carson, Caswell, Woodruff, DeLap, Isaacs, Mayo and many others, including the brave and gallant Smith. Oh, what a gathering of brainy Sir Knights! Truly we may say, when contemplating this great pleasure, "happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

Sir Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Commander.

Sir William P. Innes reelected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA- 1892.

Grand Commander Powell says:

I extend to you, one and all, most cordial and hearty greetings, and congratulate you upon the healthful, prosperous condition of our Order in this jurisdiction. Harmony prevails between the several Commanderies within our own State, and we are at peace with our sister jurisdictions.

Sir Knight Montgomery again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is a short report but good, but we find it difficult to make quotations.

Sir T. W. Hugo, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas Montgomery reelected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI- 1892.

Of the death of Grand Commander Leigh, which occurred November 7, 1891, the Deputy says:

Our draped banner admonishes us that the "Grim Reaper" has been abroad in the land, that he has assaulted our lines, and that some beloved frater has fallen from our serried ranks. It was our Grand Commander who doffed his armor and passed over to the dark and unknown shore.

It was with unfeigned sorrow that I took up his sword. One year ago, R. E. Sir Leigh was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, and though in bad health and not hopeful of long service, yet in the course of a few months his condition was so much improved that I was inspired with the hope that he would be spared to us yet awhile, and be able to complete his term of office by presiding at this Grand Conclave. Alas! "Man proposes, but God disposes."

We quote the following:

At this, the Thirty-second Conclave, we may felicitate ourselves upon the pleasure of greeting and welcoming each other in the beautiful and renowned "Hill City"—the metropolis of Mississippi—whose brave men and fair women have, by their constancy, devotion and heroism, stamped her name and fame indelibly in the history of America, the fairest land on God's earth, where the stars and stripes will forever wave on freedom's breeze and over the happy homes of a homogeneous, brave and contented people. Vicksburg has ever been the abiding place of great Masons, whose profound learning and zeal have been invaluable to the fraternity, and she now nurtures, on her snow-white bosom, lights that will not dim by comparison with the lustre of any other jurisdiction.

Sir Knight Speed does not miss an opportunity to give the Grand Encampment a dig. We take the following from his report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

But there was a time when the Grand Commanderies thought they had souls of their own, and had some powers, during which period of hallucination the Grand Commanderies indulged in a little Constitution-making, and ordained: "No dispensation to open and form a new Commandery shall be issued, except upon the unanimous recommendation of the nearest Commandery." Sec. 2, Art. v. As it was reasonably certain that this is not in conflict with the supreme law of American Templarism. (We use the word reasonably with deliberation, for since the Lansing and Muncie Commandery appeal cases, and the lame and impotent decision of the Iowa case, no man has a right to suppose himself possessed of sufficient wisdom to even venture a guess as to what construction will be given to that remarkable document, when next some one presumes to give the tail of one of its dignitaries a twist.) We say, then, as it was reasonably certain that our constitutional requirement would not call down upon us an anathema of the Grand Encampment, we advised the Grand Commander that he ought with safety require the unanimous consent of Ivanhoe Commandery to be given before granting a dispensation to form a Commandery at Aberdeen.

And the following from the same source:

Ques. 5. Can I join any Commandery I please, or must I go to the nearest?

Ans. Just jump right in where you can find any one which will have you. The jurisdictional fences have long ago been torn down and burnt up in this State. It took us a long time to make up our minds that men should not go around the entire circuit of the Delta to find a Commandery, but we did it at last after much coaxing, and now all you have to do is to pick out a Commandery which will have you, and patronize the Masonic millinery men with liberality, and you will quickly become entitled to dangle a toy sword at your side and to trip yourself up with it, in the most approved fashion.

Brother DeLap makes the Report on Correspondence. His style remains unchanged. Note this from his opening:

The undersigned, Reporter on Correspondence, respectfully and courteously presents the result of his labors in the thoughts, words and clippings following. That the Report is not of that high order of literary excellence as would naturally

and under more favorable circumstances be expected from the distinguished source from which this springs, yet it is the best that we were able to produce. We are happy in being able to state that peace and prosperity seem to prevail from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the frozen borders of Maine to the sunny glades of the Rio Grande. We are as yet without the Ohio pamphlet, and are, per consequence, unaware of the state of affairs in Sir Enoch's bailiwick—whether anything has occurred to disturb the equanimity of his meek and loving heart. We hope there is nothing wrong, but there is no telling what presumptuous Templar has taken the liberty of joining some church or society, the creed and practice of which is inimical to the ideas of that fiery old reprobate.

If we treated these things with the contempt their worthlessness demands, their lease of life would be but short. In the journey through the pamphlets we have found only kind words and sympathetic expressions toward our little body, and this is always what we have received, except from our friend Enoch, of Ohio. We do not presume that he meant to be unkind in that, any more than he does when he so confidently calls all the balance of us fools, and for this we have no unkind feelings toward him, nor have we any doubt but that his heart is as warm, his feelings as gentle, and his sentiment as fraternal toward us all as are those of others who are not so plain and emphatic as he is.

In reviewing our Proceedings for 1891 he has this to say of Grand Commander Wyman's address:

The address is an exceptionally well written paper, and reflected great credit upon its author. We find, however, nothing of general interest. He reports the Order in excellent condition. No buncombe dispensations. Three of his subordinates indulged in armed religion on Easter Sunday.

The following is not entirely complimentary to the Grand Encampment:

We sometimes indulge in a little kicking at the Grand Encampment, simply because it is an excrescence on the body of Templary—a nuisance that *ought* to be abated.

Now, dear brother, if you would just attend the Triennials and enter into the spirit of the thing, the spirit might help you to like it better—may be you might be converted. We know you would feel better.

We will bid him good-bye for the present by giving his conclusion in full, and hope to hear next year of his restoration to good health.

And now, our work is done, we hope to your satisfaction, although it is far from pleasing us. Under the circumstances of continued ill-health, which have prevailed, it was the best we had in the shop. Though feeling so badly most of the time, there has been an element of pleasure in the discharge of the duty. We have tried to be just and kind, but if we have failed, or if we have said a word that would or could wound the sensibilities of any of our brethren, we sincerely regret it, and beg to withdraw it, and that it may be as though never having been written. There is naught in our heart but a feeling of affection and kindness for each and all of those with whom we have talked, whom we may have scolded, and we earnestly pray the Father of Mercies to let His benediction rest upon each and all to whom these presents may come.

Sir W. A. Bodenhamer, Grand Commander.

Sir J. L. Flower reelected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1892.

The Grand Master gives considerable space to the Masonic Home, and explains that it is a home and not a hospital:

I therefore recommend that this Grand Body, at its present Conclave, take such steps as will result in the early establishment and maintaining of a Masonic Hospital and Sanitarium, to relieve the Masons of Missouri of those depending upon them, who cannot care for themselves, and who cannot be cared for at the Home. I recommend the subject to the serious consideration of the Grand Commandery, and I trust that you will cause a committee to be appointed who will report to this Grand Conclave, for its consideration and action, an initial plan for such a charity.

Of the Home, he reports:

This report would not be complete without a reference to the pride of Missouri Masonry—the Masonic Home. The Grand Lodge has wisely made provision for its permanent prosperity, and its action meets the approval of our valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights. He has a very faint conception of true Masonic charity, who refuses to contribute the small sum of fifty cents a year, a little less than one cent a week, for the relief of the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren.

There have been admitted to the Home 54 persons—6 from St. Louis and 48 from country Lodges; one brother, 12 widows and 41 orphans. Two have been discharged from the Home and one has died, so that there are now 51 inmates. Thirty-three of the children are attending the St. Louis public schools. One girl is taking lessons in shorthand and another in music. The health at the Home, at this time, is excellent, and the inmates are cheerful and happy. The new building is completed at a cost of something over \$4,000.00, which gives room for indigent Masons who are entitled to the benefits of the Home. The superintendent and matron in charge are faithful to their trust, and blessed in the discharge of a high and sacred duty.

The Sir Knights in attendance upon the Grand Commandery should not return to their homes and firesides without visiting the Home. If there is a doubting Thomas among your number, a visit will remove all doubts. Seeing is believing. All such will be as thoroughly convinced as was Thomas of old, when he was asked to feel the prints of the nails and thrust his hand into the pierced side.

We quote from his address:

The Grand Commandery of Missouri is at peace with its sister Grand Commanderies. Nothing has occurred during the past year to mar the harmony and good fellowship that has always existed. Our subordinate Commanderies have been generally prosperous during the year. Their reports show a healthy growth in membership, which, I trust, betokens a growth in all that goes to make up true Christian Knighthood.

Sir Knight Mayo begins his Report on Correspondence with the following, in which we fully concur:

FRATERS: This, our fifteenth annual Report on Correspondence, is more condensed and better than heretofore, both in the statistical table and review; it is better because it is more condensed, more comprehensive, and shows plainly that there is more harmony and good fellowship existing throughout the land, fewer questions about which leading minds disagree. This is attributable, in a large degree, to the general discussion by correspondents of all matters of general interest to the Order.

Our Proceedings for 1891 are fully reviewed, with general approval.

We find it difficult to condense his conclusion, so give it all. It is good:

We have concluded our march through the thirty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, having read thousands of pages of printed matter; some indifferent, some good, and by far the most of it very good and instructive reading. We have received great pleasure and benefit in this work, and commend a careful perusal of this condensation to all true Masonic Templars in whose hands it may come. In order to make the best extracts from the many thousand pages, we have had to read over the same pages a second time frequently. There are no leading topics or great questions of vital interest to the Order now before the Craft. Peace and harmony, good will and good fellowship possess the large majority; so may it ever be.

Our special labor in the preparation of elaborate statistical tables, and short but pointed comments and criticisms, seems to have been appreciated by many, judging from the many favorable comments and reproductions. The many kind

personal words from our fellow correspondents and Masonic papers have all been seen and appreciated by us; however, we could not use this Report as a medium of reproducing these flattering personalities, yet we say to all, anything that we have said or done that is commendable, write it down to the credit of the Grand Commandery of the grand old State of Missouri; if we have said or done aught that is offensive or even objectionable to any one, charge it to us individually—our shoulders are broad, and we are perfectly willing to bear the responsibility.

Sir David W. Wallace, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Mayo reelected Grand Recorder.

MONTANA- 1892.

Among other things, Grand Commander Peterson says of the Triennial:

The Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templar convened at Denver, Colorado, in August, 1892. The remembrance of the event will long dwell in the minds of all who were present. Montana was represented for the first time; this representation placed her in line permanently in closer union with the great Templar Body of the U. S. A. My inability to accompany this pilgrimage was one of the greatest disappointments of my life; important business engagements made it impossible for me to attend. It was gratifying to learn, upon the return of the delegation from Denver, that Montana was recognized and cheered along the entire march. May she ever be prominent and prosperous.

The address is one of the shortest we have found this year.

Here we go back and quote what Sir Knight Innes, of Michigan, says about us in his Report:

Under Arkansas, referring to the uniform question, he says:

"We are glad to note that they adopted flat, black buttons. The baldric is retained for officers below the rank of Captain-General and for Sir Knights; but the wearing is optional with each Commandery, except in conferring the Red Cross. Gauntlets are discarded. It is a neat, substantial uniform."

Oh, yes; we all rejoice that they adopted the flat, black buttons. Say, Sir Oranhood, that's a joke.

The Committee on Uniform, in Montana, reported, and it was adopted:

There shall be two rows of military gold buttons, with cross and crown, on the breast, nine in each row, equal in distance one from the other.

Now, Brother Innes, allow us to say, without joking, and emphatically, we regret that they did not adopt "flat, black buttons." The baldric is retained, which we think is a mistake.

A short Report on Correspondence is given by Grand Recorder Hedges. He reports only a few jurisdictions, Colorado among the number. He will soon get out of the awkward squad:

In attempting this, our first full report on Templar Correspondence, we find ourselves in a new and unfamiliar field, where the general principles of Masonic jurisprudence and usage are much modified by the semi-military character of the Institution, and the sword has more theoretical exercise than the pen. Very likely

our raw manoeuvres will consign us to the awkward squad if not to the guard house. Our fraters at home have been calling for a Report for two or three years, and we had time to have written it before the meeting of our Grand Commandery, but we preferred to put it off till we had been to Denver and seen some of the Templar correspondents with whom we are to wrestle in the faith. We fared better than Luther did as the result of his visit to Rome, for, amid all the parade and display, we found a noble body of men, to be respected for their ability and character as well as loved for their great and generous hearts. It is error to suppose that the age of chivalry has passed. The world needs it now as much or more than ever, and there are as valiant and magnanimous knights to wield the sword as there ever were.

We do not know exactly how it was done ourselves, as to the Report. Are glad he enjoyed himself:

It is a wonder how Sir Orahood, in the midst of his professional duties and din of preparation for the Triennial, could find time to write a review of thirty-eight volumes of Templar Proceedings, but his resources seem adequate for every emergency; and, to cover all, he spread a banquet fit for the gods, and through Sir George or Sir Connor, some time of Chattanooga, sent pressing invitations to every knight of the quill to be present. Those who were present will never forget it. The brilliant and witty things that were said and done would fill a volume, which in all probability will never be published, as there was no stenographer or press reporter present. However, there was no seed sown on barren, stony or thirsty ground, and there will be a good harvest some time.

And this from his conclusion:

As we anticipated, after attending Triennial, we found out how Templars outside of Montana looked and behaved. They are a splendid lot of fellows, and some time will be heard from. Just now they seem chiefly occupied with Ritual and uniform, but this playing with toys will not satisfy them always. We found plenty to say by waiting till Grand Commandery met before attempting to write this report, but we lost another advantage quite as essential—leisure and quiet. A crowd of other duties and a perfect storm of interruptions have beset us from first to last, and dissipated much of the pleasure anticipated. We can only say that we have done the best we could under the circumstances, and throw ourselves without further ceremony upon the charity of our readers at home and abroad, which we hope will not give way under the heavy load laid upon it.

Sir E. D. Aiken, Grand Commander.

Sir Cornelius Hedges reelected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA 1892.

Grand Commander Korty reports:

No new Commanderies have been formed during the year, but by referring to the Grand Recorder's report it will be seen that, notwithstanding the depressing times of the past year, there has been a gratifying increase in membership. The report shows a net gain of seventy-one Knights Templar, with a total of thirteen hundred and eighty-six. Work was done in all but three Commanderies. There is at present much activity in many of the Commanderies, with a considerable amount of work on hand and in prospect, which is due largely to the approaching Triennial Conclave, but the condition and future prospects of the Order in the State were never brighter than at the present time. While I cannot claim to have contributed toward this prosperity, it gives me pleasure to congratulate the Grand Commandery upon the healthful condition of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Considerable routine business of local interest was transacted, the session occupying one day.

From the opening of the Report on Correspondence we quote:

Your Committee on Correspondence begs respectfully to submit the following report: The work has been divided as it was last year, the review from Alabama to

Kentucky being written by Sir Charles J. Phelps (9), from Louisiana to North Carolina by Sir Frank E. Bullard (13), and from North Dakota to the close by Canon the Rev. Sir William T. Whitmarsh, your Grand Prelate, who is also responsible for the introductory and closing remarks.

Deprecating needless contention and abhorring unfraternal warfare, your committee nevertheless feels that the welfare of the order is advanced by friendly discussion of the various topics on which differing views are held, and by warm defense of vital principles which may from time to time appear imperiled; your committee therefore holds its motto, "In fraternity with all, with malice toward none," not incompatible with very plain language, when, in its judgment, such seems a duty.

The Report, though not long, gives a fair outline of the doings of the Templar body for the year, in very interesting and readable form.

Sir Edgar C. Salisbury, Grand Commander.

Sir William R. Bowen reelected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE 1892.

The Grand Commander makes the following report, showing the order to be in a prosperous and happy condition:

The duties of the past year have not been arduous, for perfect peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our jurisdiction. No question of Templar law to be ruled upon, no disputes to be settled, no dispensations asked for, and in fact very little for the Grand Commander to do, except the very pleasant task of visiting the Sir Knights in their asylums and enjoying their unbounded hospitality. It has been my pleasure to visit, with one exception, every Commandery in the State, and witness the exemplification of the work of the Red Cross and Order of the Temple; and I am happy to say that, while the work may not have been just the same in any two of the Commanderies, it was rendered by each and every one in a manner so satisfactory and impressive as to clearly show that the officers not only knew the ritual but had studied its meaning and the best manner of impressing its lessons upon the minds of the candidates. It was so well done by all that I could not well mention one without giving like credit to the others. A good amount of work has been done, and the growth of our Order seems sure and steady. May our influence for good keep pace with our growth in numbers.

He makes a favorable report of their attendance at the Triennial.

A Past Grand Commander's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Commander.

Brother Wait makes a good Report on Correspondence. Our Proceedings for 1892 are fully reviewed, with apparent approval.

Sir Thaddeus E. Sanger, Grand Commander.

Sir George P. Cleaves reelected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY 1892.

Grand Commander Fulper, in his address, says:

I am glad to be able to say that peace and prosperity prevail within our borders, and that death has not seriously decimated our ranks. For all the other bless-

ings bestowed upon us, let us bow in deepest gratitude to Him who hath dealt so kindly with us, and return heartfelt thanks for His tender, watchful care.

The Report on Correspondence is by Grand Recorder Bechtel. Our Proceedings for 1891 receive full notice. He makes a good Report. We give his conclusion:

In submitting our ninth report, we wish it was better; but such as it is, we give it unto you. From the thirty-odd Proceedings submitted to us, we learn that the Order is in a flourishing condition; that progress has been made in the drills, and that almost every Grand Commandery will be represented at the Triennial Conclave in Denver. The "Ritual" has been discussed with moderation, for and against, mostly against, the majority being satisfied with the "Essentials" adopted at the last Triennial.

We have had our say in the matter, and are still of the opinion that no Ritual, no matter by whom produced, will be acceptable to every Grand Commandery, and it would be far better to let the matter rest. We of New Jersey will, in the future as in the past, obey all edicts of the Grand Encampment, but we claim the right, equally with other jurisdictions, to have our say previous to any proposed enactments.

Sir William F. Muchmore, Grand Commander.
Sir Charles Bechtel reelected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK- 1892.

On opening this volume we are at once captivated by the excellent steel engraving likeness of Grand Recorder Macoy.

The Grand Representatives were welcomed and recognized in proper form.

In the Grand Commander's address, under the head of Decisions, we find the following:

*Question (A).—*What is the standing of members whose names are dropped from the roll of Lodge or Chapter, at their own request, by the payment of dues to date?

Answer.—By merely becoming non-affiliated in Lodge or Chapter, they do not lose their standing in the Commandery. (Sec. 2, title 41, Code, Statutes of the Grand Encampment; also, sec. 17, title 23, Statutes of the Grand Encampment.)

*Question (B).—*What is the standing of members who have been expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, after trial and conviction by the Lodge, but have been reinstated by the Grand Lodge to good standing, but are not members of any Lodge or Chapter?

Answer.—My opinion is that members being restored to good standing by the Grand Lodge, and not being members of any Lodge, are unaffiliated Masons; and that being the case, the answer to question A covers this question.

The answer to question A is undoubtedly correct. We give it to explain the answer to B.

The latter may be in accordance with the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, but if it is we think the law is wrong and should be amended. Title 23, section 2, reads:

Expulsion or suspension from his Masonic Rights by his Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order.

That is, it has the same effect on his standing in the Commandery that it has in the Lodge or Chapter.

Further sections under the same title read:

SEC. 12. A Knight who has been expelled by his Commandery may be restored, by a two-thirds vote, to *good standing*.

SEC. 13. If suspended by his Commandery, a majority vote will restore to *good standing*.

SEC. 14. In either case of suspension or expulsion by his Commandery, the Knight can be restored to membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot.

SEC. 15. * * * When his suspension or expulsion by the Commandery was the result of suspension or expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, a certificate of his restoration in the body which disciplined him will restore him to *good standing and membership* in his Commandery.

The italics are ours.

What we object to is the restoration to *good standing*, but not to *membership* in Lodge or Chapter of an expelled member, being a restoration to *membership* in the Commandery. It should have no greater effect in the Commandery than in the Lodge or Chapter. If he is not restored to *membership*, but only to *good standing*, in the disciplinary body, he should be restored to good standing only, and not to membership, in the Commandery.

In this connection we call attention to Decision No. 1, made by Grand Master Gobin, reported in Proceedings of 1892, page 11. That was merely a suspension for non-payment of dues, which were paid, before notice, to the Commandery. Under the law, however, as above cited, the principle is the same. The Grand Master decided he was a member of the Commandery in good standing.

The Grand Commander gives a fair report of the proceedings of the last Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Recorder says:

The Order in this jurisdiction continues to be prosperous and harmonious, as may be seen from the reports of the Commanderies.

He read a short but eloquent paper on Truth. He portrays the scene in the capital of the great Persian king, and concludes as follows:

Sir Knights, to you and to myself it is a matter of very little moment whether this allegory be true or false; or whether this Prince of Jerusalem ever lived or died. To us he stands as the living symbol of an ETERNAL PRINCIPLE which can never perish. Sanctified and hallowed by the dust of buried ages comes down to us this lesson of life: That beside Truth all things else are worthless. It is man's surest hope on earth—his unflinching reliance in eternity.

"The eternal years of God are hers."

Whoso teacheth falsehood unto the children of men; better for him that he stood in the lightning's path as it descends from the heavens to the earth. "Better for that man that he had never been born."

FOR TRUTH IS MIGHTY AND IT WILL PREVAIL.

We are glad to note the following in the report of the Ritual Committee, which was adopted:

The adoption of a National Ritual by the Grand Encampment is a source of congratulation, and as it renders further service by this Committee unnecessary, we therefore ask to be discharged.

Sir Jesse B. Anthony again makes the Report on Correspondence. Colorado (June, 1892,) receives a full and kindly notice. His tables of statistics are particularly full and complete.

Sir Edward L. Gaul, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Macoy reelected Grand Recorder

NORTH CAROLINA—1892.

We quote, with pleasure, from Grand Commander Allen's address:

There is a deeper interest manifested by the various members of the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction, I am glad to note, and the success that has been ours this year plainly demonstrates what can be accomplished if the proper effort is put forth. Durham Commandery No. 3 has made a "ten strike," and knighted seven during the year, while Charlotte No. 2, over whom we thought two years ago it only needed the burial service to be read to formally declare its death, has been resuscitated, and now gives evidence of long life and prosperity.

Afterwards:

NOTE.—After the Grand Commandery adjourned, the members and invited guests, at the instance of the Sir Knights of Piedmont Commandery, repaired to the Hotel Quincy, where an elegant spread met their delighted vision.

Sir Knight Blount again makes a very short Report on Correspondence. Colorado does not appear. He seems determined to leave us, and so we must bid him good-bye:

In laying down the pen of correspondent, we feel it in our heart to say that we are still further debarring ourselves delights we fain would retain. The perusal of the reviews, looking into the workings of sister jurisdictions, many more highly favored than our own, looking upon the pictured faces of our fraters as photographed in imperishable limning in their words and deeds is pleasure indeed, from which incalculable benefit is derived, and pure delight afforded, but they must be given up; and so good-bye again, "May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us."

Sir James Southgate, Grand Commander.

Sir Horace H. Munson reelected Grand Recorder.

NORTH DAKOTA -1892.

Grand Commander Holmes in his address says:

The second year of the existence of this Grand Commandery has passed, and by the mercy of the Great Captain of our Salvation we are again permitted to assemble with our ranks unbroken, to review the events of the past year and take such action as may seem proper for the future. The past year has been one of unusual prosperity to our State, and especially to our Order. The membership of all our Commanderies have been greatly increased.

The following was adopted; the present designation is too firmly established to be changed:

WHEREAS, the designation of our Order is differently expressed in the several Grand Commanderies allegiant to the Grand Encampment of the United States, and

WHEREAS, in this jurisdiction the term "Knights Templars" has been used from the foundation of this Grand Commandery and was formerly used by the Grand Encampment of the United States, be it

Resolved, That the representatives of this Grand Commandery at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at Denver, Colorado, in Denver, in August next, be and are hereby requested to use their best efforts to cause the designation "Knights Templars" to be recognized and adopted by the Grand Encampment.

A uniform was adopted, with silver buttons with cross and crown stamped or raised thereon. It is hardly necessary to say, or call Brother Innes' attention to the fact that this does not meet our approval. But we presume they will wear them just the same.

The Baldric is retained for all Sir Knights and officers below rank of Eminent Commander.

The Report on Correspondence was taken for revision, but does not appear.

Sir Robert E. Wallace, Grand Commander.

Sir Frank J. Thompson, Grand Recorder.

OHIO- 1892.

This was the fiftieth Conclave of this Grand Commandery. We congratulate them.

It would have been fitting to have made this an occasion of great joy, and to have celebrated our semi-centennial Conclave in a more ostentatious manner, but the Triennial Conclave of our Grand Encampment having been so recently held, attracting the attention of so many of our fraters, it is probably wiser that we celebrate it by a more deliberate gathering, and show our appreciation more, by so conducting our deliberations as to reflect credit upon our Order, and give assurance of future prosperity, and may the close of the next fifty years find the entire world believers in, and practicing those Christian virtues that were so vividly exemplified by Him who lived and died that we might be saved.

They are also to be congratulated on the condition of the Order:

The year just passed has been one of peace and harmony, there being no dissensions or discords to mar or prevent the prosperity of Templarism.

The Grand Commander attended the last Triennial and speaks in high praise of the trip and general arrangements and entertainment. He gives a short summary of the business transacted. Among other things, he says:

Of the transactions of the Grand Encampment, I note, as of most importance to us, the adoption by a unanimous vote of Ceremonial Rituals of the Red Cross and Order of the Temple, which are made obligatory, and are to go into effect on January 1, 1894, or earlier, at the option of Commanderies, after their preparation and distribution.

We also note:

In closing, I desire to express my thanks to R. E. Sir Knight William B. Melish, as Chairman of the Triennial Committee, who had full charge of and made all arrangements for the members of the Grand Commandery at Denver, and can only say that they were complete in every detail, as is always any work placed in his hands to do.

Sir Enoch T. Carson again makes the Report on Correspondence in his usual full and vigorous style. He reviews our proceedings at the June, 1892, Conclave.

He gets somewhat warm over some things said of the Ritual adopted at St. Louis. Commenting on this in his review of Massachusetts, he says:

Under Illinois, he comes back at Sir Smith because the latter said that the National Ritual, adopted at St. Louis, came from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. This the Massachusetts brother denies, and he has been denying for 10, these many years.

We know, however, that it did come from Massachusetts. We have the original document in our possession at the present writing which Brother Dean presented to the Grand Encampment of the United States, certifying that it is the work of Massachusetts, and we say as we have said, and we repeat now for the one hundredth time, that the Ritual adopted at St. Louis was, in all essential particulars, the work as given to the Committee by Brother Dean, and that it is certified to by no less a personage than our late lamented brother, Sir Alfred Chapman, as Grand Recorder, verified by the official seal of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island! We don't propose to remain quiet and allow Sir Knight or brother, or anybody else, to set aside our statements by oral testimony, when we have the written original documents to prove what we have said, what we now say.

We express ourselves perhaps warmly on this subject; sometimes it is allowable for one to become warm when the provocation is great and is continued, as this trumpery story about the Ritual adopted at St. Louis has been. Grand Commander Freeman proved nothing; he simply made a reckless verbal statement against a written document. What Brother Smith, of Illinois, said in his report is true. He had seen, examined and compared the printed Ritual adopted at St. Louis with the original Massachusetts manuscript from which it was made.

On the following we have said our say the other way, and we are with the majority in favor of "Knights Templar."

He comes back at Brother Woodruff, of Kentucky, very pleasantly in regard the use of "Knights Templar" or "Knights Templars." We think Brother Rugg has the best of it, inasmuch as he is in good company, having the most distinguished literary authorities, English and American, for using the words "Knights Templars." And here we would interpolate a note to Brother Woodruff: Please favor us with your English or American literary authorities for writing "Knights Templar."

The great majority in attendance at the last Conclave did not concur in the following suggestions:

Nothing would add so much to the dignity, grandeur and high character of the American Templar Order as the carrying out of the idea of permanently locating the Grand Encampment in Washington City, with a Temple in harmony with the magnificent architectural structures that adorn our great American capital, devoted exclusively to the Order of the Temple.

If the Grand Recorder could be permanently located at Washington, with proper offices and safes or vaults for the records, would it not be a great improvement and do away with much of the justifiable objection to the migratory character of the Grand Encampment?

His paper on the Scottish Rite in the United States, is very interesting and instructive, but too long for us to give and it cannot be fairly quoted. The same is true of the chapter on the Grand Encampment.

His conclusion refers quite fully to the new Ritual, but regrets that he was unable to be present and that he has not had an opportunity to examine it. We know it will meet his approval, in a general way, though he may object to some particular things.

Sir Martin J Houck, Grand Commander.

Sir John N. Bell reelected Grand Recorder.

OREGON- 1892.

The Grand Commander makes a business-like address. In concluding, he seems to highly appreciate his honors:

The purple of symbolic Masonry has rested upon my shoulders. I have had the honor of occupying the highest station in Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and am now privileged to wear the "royal purple," with the Templar cross of gold. And from this lofty mountain height I am now ready and willing to descend and take my place along with the rank and file of the true soldiers of the cross.

He attended the Triennial, and expresses himself well pleased. Of the adoption of the Ritual, he says:

Interest of this session of the Grand Encampment centered on the report of the Committee on Rituals. The report was presented by Sir George C. Connor, of Tennessee, a member of the Committee, who, in a masterly manner, read in detail the report relating to the illustrious Order of the Red Cross. Upon completion of the reading, the report was unanimously adopted without discussion. General congratulations followed the remarkable vote, and a recess was taken for refreshments.

Upon the reassembling of the Grand Encampment, the report of the Committee on the Ritual of the Order of Knights Templar was read by Sir Knight Connor, assisted by other members of the Committee, which, upon motion of Sir Knight Reuben C. Lloyd, of California, Grand Captain General, was adopted without a dissenting vote. Such unanimity upon a question of this character, which affects such a large number of jurisdictions, was a surprise to even the most sanguine of the Committee. We now have what has been needed for years, a complete, perfect and uniform Ritual of the Orders.

Sir Knight Hodson commences his Report on Correspondence as follows:

To faithfully prepare a report that would completely fill our ideal, and contain all that it should contain, is entirely beyond the time we have to devote to the work, and would extend beyond the limits which we feel imposed upon us by the finances of the Grand Commandery. Hence this, our third effort in the reportorial field, has necessarily been confined to a brief mention of a few of the most important acts and doings in each of the Grand jurisdictions, a courteous salute to each, and an implied, if not expressed, hope for their continued prosperity, in which we trust all will join as they follow us in our journey.

We give his conclusion:

In concluding our report we can but express our pleasure at the universal prosperity of our valiant and magnanimous Order, as evidenced by the published records of each jurisdiction: and we note with great satisfaction the perfect peace that reigns supreme throughout the Templar world. Not the quiet of death, nor the silence of neglect of duty, but the steady, earnest activity of those who are fully devoted to extending the influence and usefulness of our growing organization, and the peace of that perfect harmony that naturally arises from a full union of effort for the elevation of the Grand Standard of old—to the end that our platforms be widened, our patience be cultivated, our love be deepened, and our influence for good be extended without limit.

Sir Silas M. Yoran, Grand Commander.

Sir James F. Robinson reelected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1892.

Preceding the opening:

His Honor, Edwin S. Stuart, Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, and a member of Philadelphia Commandery No. 2, K. T., on behalf of the city of Philadelphia, extended a cordial and hearty welcome, which was responded to by the R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand Commander Wright in his address reports:

The last year has been one of success in accession to our numbers, and the only contention which has characterized our progress has been a praiseworthy and meritorious strife to excel in the good work.

A full report of preparation for attending the Triennial in Denver was made by the committee in charge.

Grand Recorder Meyer comes to the rescue and makes a full and able Report on Correspondence. We are glad to welcome him to the ranks again.

The chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the year 1891-1892, E. Sir William J. Kelly, being for the time indisposed, and asking to be relieved from the duties of preparing the Report, and declining, for want of the necessary time, to serve in the future, the present Grand Commander has requested me to accept the honor of the chairmanship of this Committee, and to prepare the Report for the present Proceedings. It is with pleasure I once again enter into the goodly company of the trusted Sir Knights who, as the mouthpiece of their several Grand Commanderies, exercise a certain amount of influence for good or bad in the Templar world.

What he says of Colorado and his conclusion are to us particularly interesting, but our space forbids further extended quotation. Thanks.

Sir James H. Coddington, Grand Commander.

Sir Charles E. Meyer reelected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1892.

Grand Commander Jumper makes a very short address. We note the following:

I have the pleasure to report a steady growth in the Order during the past year. The increase in membership has been forty-eight.

We give in full the Report on Correspondence made by the Chairman, Sir Knight Pettigrew. We hope for a longer report next year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that, owing to the financial strait of this Grand Commandery, it was deemed best that the review of the Proceedings of the several Grand Jurisdictions be limited to this Report.

Sir George W. Burnside, Grand Commander.

Sir Bruce M. Rowley reelected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1892.

We ask Brother Connor to note the fact that the very small type in which his excellent report of the proceedings is printed, makes it difficult for us to read it carefully and make proper extracts; but we will try. We commence with a quotation from Grand Commander Pillow's address:

It is with great pleasure I have to report that during my term of office peace has prevailed throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. I have not been called upon to decide any appeals or grievances. All has gone well.

It is with sincere pleasure that I am able to report the Templar year just closed has been of marked prosperity. The Grand Recorder informs me that there have been in most of the Commanderies large gains.

We desire to add our endorsement and commendation:

I am most happy to state, that while I refer to the local condition of the Commanderies as not being as prosperous as they might be, yet it is with pride and pleasure that I, as the Grand Commander of the State, refer to the standing of Templar Masonry in Tennessee throughout our sister Jurisdictions; for, of a truth, we rank among the first. And it must be with a feeling of satisfaction that every Knight reads the Correspondence of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee. And Sir Connor deserves the thanks of this Grand Commandery for his untiring devotion and indefatigable labors, which have placed Tennessee in the front rank.

The principal interest in this volume of proceedings centers in Brother Connor's Report on Correspondence. He gives a short account of his trip abroad and we quote one item because he tells it so much better than we could:

Practically there is no Knight Templary beyond seas outside of the British Isles. Indeed, the Templar Order signifies but small influence outside of the Kingdom of England. There the entire organization numbers but a very few in comparison to the Ancient Craft, which is not only numerous but exceedingly influential. Moreover, the Order of the Temple in the Isles is altogether aristocratic. Social qualifications of a certain character are necessary prerequisites to admission to the Order of Masonic Knighthood. A tradesman, mechanic, or laborer is practically ineligible.

Neither in Ritual nor in dress do the Templars of England agree with the Order in this great Union of States. But the varieties in these are no more marked than are the varieties of the Ancient Craft. We have sufficient in common to be able to make ourselves known in England or in the United States, but there are many, very many, marked variations, none of which can be further alluded to herein!

Colorado's proceedings for 1891 are fully reviewed. Some things of minor importance he does not like, but generally his tone is one of approval.

This from his conclusion:

In the 85,000 Templars included in the control of the Grand Encampment, I doubt if there is a heart in rebellion against the lawful authority of the Order. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and they who would be free must not give their hands to be manacled. If the Grand Encampment oversteps its constitutional limits it is the duty of every Templar to resist such overstepping. Every Grand Commandery is a competent court to decide for its subordinates whether they shall or shall not obey an unconstitutional enactment.

Oh, no, Brother Connor; you are wrong. The Grand Encampment, being the supreme body, cannot make an unconstitutional enactment. Every enactment of the Grand Encampment is constitutional while it remains the law of the Grand Encampment, and no individual Grand Commandery, as such, can set it aside. You will see the untenableness of the position by a moment's consideration. If each or any Grand Commandery can, as you say, decide to obey or not to obey, they must, at the same time, say the supreme body, of which such Grand Commandery is a part, passed an unconstitutional enactment, and every enactment could and would be declared unconstitutional at the will of any subordinate. Then each individual Commandery could do the same thing with the Grand Commandery, and anarchy would reign supreme. Oh, no, Brother Connor; the Grand Commandery must conform to the enactments of the Grand Encampment so long as they are in force, and seek relief and redress by a repeal or amendment in that body. Thus, and thus only, can there be any law and authority in a representative government or body.

Since Brother Connor wrote this report and this conclusion, he has had some further experience, and maybe, as to Templar displays, parades, etc., he may have had a partial change of heart, so we will not quote some of his remarks; he might consider it unkind.

One more quotation, in the sentiment of which we most heartily concur:

If, in the preceding pages, there is even a breath of aught but kindness and brotherly love, we hereby withdraw the same and apologize for its thoughtless use. It is not in our heart to inflict a pain, ruffle a feeling or disturb equanimity.

Sir Thomas O. Morris, Grand Commander.

Sir George C. Connor reelected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS - 1892.

The proceedings commenced by marching under escort to the church and attending public devotional services. Then followed an address of welcome and response, and

an eloquent address by the Grand Prelate, which is given in full.

After opening in the Asylum, Grand Commander Carr of Colorado was announced and properly received, and he responded in a brief speech.

We quote from Grand Commander Garrity's address:

The history of our Templar year now closing will show a record seldom equalled of business depression, political and financial disturbance, famine and suffering, which, in some form mentioned, covers the entire civilized world, and in common with others, our State has had its share of these afflictions, yet I am happy to be able to assure you that during this time our Order has prospered and shows an increase in membership. Peace and harmony prevail among the several Commanderies, and the names added to the roll of our Knightly dead are few in proportion to our numbers. For these and other blessings vouchsafed by the Great Grand Master of All, may we ever be duly thankful.

We miss the usual Report on Correspondence.

Sir K. D. C. Proctor, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Brewster reelected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1892.

We commence with the following from the Grand Commander's address:

The past year has been one of peace and prosperity to the Order of Christian Knighthood in Vermont. I am not aware that a single cloud has anywhere arisen by which the brightness of our Templar sun has in the least been obscured.

Considerable space is given to the Bennington Centennial celebration:

The Grand Commandery, at its last annual Conclave, having voted to accept the invitation of the Governor to join with other bodies, civic and military, in the exercises pertaining to the dedication of the Bennington Battle Monument, on the 19th of August, and the celebration of the Centennial of the admission of Vermont into the Union, I at once set about the work of procuring the attendance, on the occasion referred to, of as large and imposing a body of Knights Templar as possible. It was an occasion that, to my mind, appealed strongly to the patriotism and loyalty of every Vermonter, and I felt a great anxiety that our Order should be represented in a manner and with numbers which would be to our lasting credit and to the honor of the State.

It was accordingly so done:

The remembrance of participation in the observances of the occasion and event ought to fill the heart of every Sir Knight with pride. To me it was the proudest day of my life, and one never to be forgotten. The Grand Commandery and every subordinate Commandery was in line and numbered at least five hundred swords; clothed in the beautiful uniform of our Order, they marched under the Banner of the Cross with the steady and measured step of veteran soldiers, and were greeted with generous and well deserved applause.

It may not have been a *strictly* Masonic or Templar occasion, yet we must say our feelings are with the Grand Commander and the boys in line.

We do not, however, go to the extent of appearing and participating in Memorial or Decoration Day exercises.

This is particularly a military observance and not a public occasion, like the dedication they attended. So the following does not meet our approval as a proper occasion for appearing in public as a Commandery:

In every grade of Masonry obedience to law and loyalty to country is strongly inculcated. A participation in the solemn, yet patriotic duties of Memorial Day and the calling to remembrance the brave deeds of those whose lives it commemorates, fills every breast with a loftier respect and inspires every heart with a holier love for those principles for which our fathers and brothers gave up their lives. And while, perhaps, no one doubts the sincere loyalty of every Templar Mason, yet the appearance of our Commanderies, as an organized body, on such occasions, commands the respect and confidence of all those who are not of us, and furnishes the indisputable evidence that we practice what we profess.

Sir Marsh O. Perkins makes a very readable Report on Correspondence.

Our proceedings receive kindly notice.

Sir Kittridge Haskins reëlected Grand Commander.

Sir Warren G. Reynolds reëlected Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1892.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on the gradual growth of our Order. In our own State it has been steady and gratifying. Our affiliated strength last year was one thousand one hundred and thirty-eight, and while it cannot be claimed that it has been a year of universal prosperity, yet there has been an increase in membership. It gives me pleasure to report that harmony exists among the members of all our subordinate Commanderies, and that our fraternal relations with all our sister Grand Jurisdictions are of the most satisfactory character.

The Committee on the Grand Commander's address, speaking of the adoption of the Ritual by the Grand Encampment, say:

We think the settlement of the vexed question of Ritual a proper subject of congratulation, and whether that settlement is in exact accordance with the views and opinions of the Sir Knights of our Order in any given jurisdiction, is comparatively immaterial; uniformity in Ritual is so great a desideratum that we should all be willing to concede something of our individual preferences to secure it.

Sir Fred Greenwood, Grand Commander.

Sir William B. Isaacs reëlected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON—1892.

There was an address of welcome and elaborate response. Of the year past Grand Commander Rush says:

It has been a year of prosperity to our noble Order.

Speaking of what has been a bone of contention in many jurisdictions, he says:

We, as Templars, know nothing about these so-called higher degrees. In every jurisdiction where it is made an issue by other than Scottish Rite bodies, there is nothing but ill-feeling created; it makes life-long friends, enemies. Therefore, in the language of the bright Templar correspondent, William P. Innes, I say: "Let the pesky thing alone."

Of membership, the Grand Recorder says:

There has been a very encouraging increase in membership during the year, all the Commanderies reporting a gain except one, and that reports the same number as last year. The returns show 54 to have been created, 24 affiliated, 1 reinstated, 16 dimitted, 3 died, leaving a net gain for the year of 60, and a total membership of 425.

Grand Recorder Blalock makes a very full Report on Correspondence.

Our proceedings for 1891 are very fully reviewed, with general approval.

He attended the Triennial:

It was our first visit to the Grand Encampment, and words fail to express our impression as we met the thousands of Sir Knights, many of them accompanied by their ladies.

The parade was grand, the decorations artistic, and the illumination of the city, with miles of various colored incandescent lights, including emblems of the Order, needed very little imagination on our part, to stand at the intersection of Fourteenth street and Broadway and fancy we were indeed in some city of the "Arabian Knights."

At the Union depot we were greeted by the Sir Knights as though we were a part and parcel of them, and escorted to the Hotel Committee's headquarters, where we were soon provided with comfortable rooms, and we hereby tender our congratulations to the Sir Knights of Colorado for the splendid manner of reception and entertainment of the thousands who visited their beautiful city during the week.

Sir Edward R. Hare, Grand Commander.

Sir Yancey Blalock reelected Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA 1892.

The Grand Commander makes this report:

The past year has been one of prosperity for our Order. No internal strife nor dissensions to mar the beauties of the teachings of our Fraternity. No clouds obscure the brightness of our prospects in this jurisdiction. For all of these blessings we should be devoutly thankful.

A full ceremony for installation of Grand Officers was adopted, and is printed in full.

There is no Report on Correspondence, and the proceedings were very short and of local interest.

Sir E. L. Buttrick, Grand Commander.

Sir R. C. Dunnington reelected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1892.

The Grand Commander issued a general order, granting dispensation to subordinate Commanderies, and

requesting them to attend public services on Easter Day.

He attended the Triennial, and speaks favorably of the Ritual adopted.

Condition of the Order:

The reports received by the Recorder show that the Order in this jurisdiction has grown steadily during the past year, the additions during the year being 94.

Brother Swain makes his tenth Report on Correspondence, commencing as follows:

We present our tenth annual Report. In the church out in Nevada they put a placard upon the gallery, which reads: "Don't shoot at the organist. He is doing as well as he knows how." We have done as well as we know how. Don't shoot.

It is a good report, and he is in no danger.

We note the following, under New Jersey:

Grand Recorder makes a Report on Correspondence. He says "we make few extracts from the Report on Correspondence, believing that the actions of the different Grand Commanderies have more weight than the opinions expressed by correspondents." Possibly. It is not for us to say. All the same, we notice that the first thing a Grand or Past Grand officer looks for, when he picks up the proceedings of another jurisdiction, is to see what the correspondent has said about him, and we notice further, that it is no uncommon thing before taking any particular action, to consider what the correspondents will say about it; and we notice further, that if any particular action is freely criticised by them, it is very apt to be rescinded at the next Conclave.

We find a great many things we approve, and would quote if our space permitted.

Sir Warren H. Lewis, Grand Commander.

Sir John W. Laffin reëlected Grand Recorder.

WYOMING—1891-1892.

Last year we did not have the printed proceedings of this jurisdiction. Both years are printed together. We do not know of any reason for this practice. The actual saving in expense is very small, while it is a great inconvenience to the reporters, at least.

Grand Commander Rankin in his address reports the Order in a prosperous condition:

Peace and harmony have prevailed over the entire jurisdiction; no grievances whatever have arisen to my official knowledge, and it is a matter of serious congratulation that the welfare of the Grand Commandery is so universally good.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Sir John C. Baird, Grand Commander.

Sir A. J. Parshall reëlected Grand Recorder.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT—1892.

This Conclave will be long remembered for the unanimous and important action taken in the adoption of a Ritual. While some important changes were made, especially in the Order of the Red Cross, the Ritual, we believe, will give general satisfaction. The more it is studied and the better it is understood, the better it will be liked. So much has been said, and properly so, of the labors of the Ritual Committee, and especially of the sub-committee, that we will not say much about it. But we cannot forbear making favorable mention of the indefatigable zeal and labor, and of the knowledge, scholarship and research of that veteran Masonic worker, who acted as secretary of the committee, Sir George C. Connor, of Tennessee. Without in any way disparaging the vast labor of other members of the committee, and giving them full praise therefor, it can be said that his labor during the two years or more preceding the Conclave, and the masterly manner in which he read the work, were most important factors in the happy result of its unanimous and enthusiastic adoption.

Other important matters received proper attention. The sessions were well attended, and all business brought before the body received serious and careful attention. We have heard no complaint such as has been made in former times, that the business of the Grand Encampment was neglected on account of the usual festivities attending these occasions. At the same time we have not heard any one say the social features were neglected. All appeared to be, and we believe, were and are satisfied with the result of this Triennial Conclave.

May the peace and harmony now existing always continue.

STATISTICS.

GENERAL TABLE.

PREPARED BY SIR KNIGHT BERRY, MAINE.

GRAND COMMANDERIES	Returns for	Subordinates	Members	Knighted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended and Dropped	Expelled	Deceased	Our Last Re- port
Alabama, May 11.....	1892	9	342	51	8	6	9	14	0	7	308
Arkansas, April 19.....	1892	12	497	42	13	3	17	6	4	9	489
California, April 21.....	1892	33	2,735	200	100	1	44	44	1	56	2,553
Colorado, June 7.....	1892	23	1,395	281	31	9	23	14	2	10	1,094
Connecticut, March 15.....	1892	11	1,934	146	7	0	14	13	0	39	1,851
Georgia, May 4.....	1892	8	559	75	6	2	18	8	0	9	511
Illinois, October 29.....	1891	59	7,978	568	94	33	161	88	4	101	7,647
Indiana, April 19.....	1892	35	2,989	211	89	12	120	37	1	43	2,878
Iowa, July 14.....	1891	54	3,763	232	55	2	190	70	5	32	3,763
Kansas, May 12.....	1891	34	2,383	273	26	7	93	59	0	27	2,383
Kentucky, May 4.....	1892	24	1,804	169	20	20	37	31	0	33	1,689
Louisiana, February 12.....	1892	3	234	9	6	2	4	0	0	5	294
Maine, May 5.....	1892	19	2,590	187	9	4	27	16	0	38	2,463
Maryland, November 24.....	1891	8	890	50	2	3	25	22	1	20	907
Mass. and R. I., Oct. 30.....	1891	43	8,995	709	28	7	111	114	1	109	8,490
Michigan, May 17.....	1892	42	4,758	517	66	13	124	38	1	67	4,367
Minnesota, June 24.....	1892	24	2,148	186	50	3	67	59	2	31	2,066
Mississippi, February 9.....	1892	12	339	65	10	10	7	0	0	7	297
Missouri, April 21.....	1891	55	3,435	278	95	7	90	66	0	40	3,435
Montana, October 13.....	1891	8	313	29	3	1	9	16	1	4	258
Nebraska, April 26.....	1892	22	1,386	101	20	8	22	16	1	19	1,315
New Hamp., Sept. 29.....	1891	10	1,665	139	8	1	15	2	1	23	1,558
New Jersey, May 10.....	1892	16	1,511	155	12	0	28	31	6	19	1,415
New York, September 1.....	1891	56	9,139	833	82	50	143	220	2	124	8,663
North Carolina, June 10.....	1892	9	269	37	0	0	8	5	0	1	237
North Dakota, June 15.....	1891	4	190	18	1	0	5	3	0	1	180
Ohio, September 23.....	1891	51	6,714	484	136	80	150	97	7	83	6,351
Oregon, October 27.....	1891	4	283	28	23	0	0	1	0	1	234
Pennsylvania, May 24.....	1892	72	9,532	903	162	-----	183	151	2	149	8,758
South Dakota, June 16.....	1892	8	587	51	7	4	26	0	1	6	558
Tennessee, May 10.....	1892	15	1,052	88	46	4	16	9	0	25	967
Texas, April 20.....	1892	27	1,722	200	43	9	53	13	2	18	1,532
Vermont, June 14.....	1892	10	1,212	91	9	2	12	4	0	22	1,153
Virginia, November 12.....	1891	18	1,138	129	15	1	45	18	1	22	1,064
Washington, June 10.....	1892	9	426	54	24	1	16	0	0	3	385
West Virginia, May 11.....	1892	10	637	73	2	2	4	2	0	6	572
Wisconsin, October 13.....	1891	24	2,348	194	102	5	119	27	0	20	2,258
Wyoming, May 11.....	1892	4	186	44	22	1	10	9	0	1	189
Gr. Enc. Subordinates.....	1892	30	2,653	330	38	18	49	38	0	56	2,050
Total in U. S.....	1892	914	92,821	8,228	1,470	331	2,099	1361	46	1266	87,091
Canada, July 19.....	1892	30	1,053	109	5	12	42	12	0	15	1,003
England and Wales.....	1892	105	3,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,900
Ireland.....	1892	41	1,300	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,300
Scotland.....	1892	10	450	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	450
Victoria, Australia.....	1889	4	80	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	80
Total in World.....	1892	1,104	98,704	8,338	1,475	343	2,141	1373	46	1301	92,824

TABLE OF LARGEST COMMANDERIES.

COMPILED BY SIR JOHN C. SMITH, OF ILLINOIS.

STATE	NAME OF COMMANDERY	NO.	MEMBERS
Alabama	Cyrene	10	72
Arkansas	Hugh de Payens	1	105
California	California	1	271
Canada			
Colorado	Colorado	1	349
Connecticut	Washington	1	375
England and Wales			
Georgia			
Illinois	St. Bernard	35	636
Indiana	Raper	1	167
Iowa	Temple	4	222
Kansas			
Kentucky	DeMolay	12	287
Louisiana	Jacques de Molay	2	137
Maine	Portland	2	285
Maryland	Maryland	1	243
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Boston	2	683
Michigan	Detroit	1	326
Minnesota	Zion	2	366
Mississippi	Roanlie	5	51
Missouri	St. Louis	1	264
Montana	Helena	2	82
Nebraska	Mt. Calvary	1	184
New Hampshire	Trinity	1	243
New Jersey	Cyrene	7	208
New York	Monroe	12	476
North Carolina	Cyrene	5	44
North Dakota	Fargo	2	75
Ohio	Oriental	12	396
Oregon	Oregon	1	136
Pennsylvania			
South Dakota	Cyrene	5	185
Tennessee	Cœur de Lion	9	121
Texas	Dallas	6	113
Vermont	Palatine	5	185
Virginia	Richmond	2	184
Washington	Seattle	2	57
West Virginia	Kanawha	4	90
Wisconsin	Wisconsin	1	333
Wyoming	Wyoming	1	87

Colorado No. 1 shows very favorably in this comparison.

COMPARISON TABLE.

COMPILED BY SIR JESSE B. ANTHONY, NEW YORK.

GRAND COMMANDEERY	Standing according to membership	SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES			Percentage of work for past year	Percentage of net gain for past year	Proportion of Knights Templar to Master Masons. One to—	Percentage of Knights Templar to R. A. Masons	Field standing
		Maximum	Minimum	Average					
Alabama.....	31	93	14	38	.16.60	.11.40	30.55	47.	37
Arkansas.....	29	104	17	39	.09.48	.05.00	28.37	27.	36
California.....	10	298	18	85	.07.72	.05.51	5.94	59.	9
Colorado.....	20	349	24	63	.25.69	.27.97	4.	89.	3
Connecticut.....	15	401	45	176	.07.92	.04.71	8.	42.	20
Georgia.....	28	140	21	70	.14.08	.09.39	26.30	33.	35
Illinois.....	4	672	40	135	.07.40	.04.44	5.50	60.	7
Indiana.....	9	167	34	85	.07.29	.03.85	8.29	55.	23
Iowa.....	7	216	28	71	.06.45	.....	5.95	59.	10
Kansas.....	12	231	38	75	.12.19	.06.05	7.26	63.	19
Kentucky.....	16	313	23	66	.10.11	.08.00	9.	76.	26
Louisiana.....	34	143	43	95	.03.27	.03.27	16	48.	32
Maine.....	11	318	17	136	.07.	.04.31	8.09	55.	22
Maryland.....	25	243	31	112	.05.51	.....	6.60	65.	14
Mass. & R. Island	3	700	46	209	.08.35	.05.94	4.	71.	2
Michigan.....	6	329	46	113	.11.79	.08.50	6.95	49.	16
Minnesota.....	14	367	33	97	.08.94	.03.87	6.	63.	11
Mississippi.....	32	65	12	28	21.10	.10.06	24.45	33.	34
Missouri.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Montana.....	33	91	13	39	.37.20	.25.19	6.40	.....	13
Nebraska.....	21	196	15	63	.07.67	.05.40	7.	56.	17
New Hampshire.....	18	270	95	166	.08.54	.06.83	5.13	62.	6
New Jersey.....	19	208	37	100	.10.85	.05.81	9.48	55.	25
New York.....	2	482	25	163	.09.61	.05.49	8.52	56.	24
North Carolina.....	36	50	12	30	.15.16	.10.24	39.	43.	38
North Dakota.....	37	79	24	48	.10.	.05.55	8.	53.	21
Ohio.....	5	353	15	137	.07.63	.05.71	5.	59.	5
Oregon.....	35	152	19	71	.11.30	.14.11	13.8	31.	30
Pennsylvania.....	1	622	25	140	.08.65	.04.84	4.57	74.	4
South Dakota.....	27	184	31	73	.09.	.05.2	6.08	55.	12
Tennessee.....	24	132	16	75	.09.11	.08.01	16.47	50.	33
Texas.....	17	151	14	64	.12.87	.10.52	13.46	40.	31
Vermont.....	22	185	56	121	.07.93	.05.57	7.14	53.	18
Virginia.....	23	183	17	60	.12.60	.11.13	9.29	72.	27
Washington.....	30	76	13	40	.27.75	.60.	10.	67.	29
West Virginia.....	26	173	30	63	.12.76	.11.13	6.68	.....	15
Wisconsin.....	13	277	27	99	.08.61	.05.99	5.82	53	8
Wyoming.....	38	73	21	47	.31.65	.33.80	3.80	.....	1

* No report received.

Colorado has, next to Wyoming, the smallest proportion to number of Master Masons, but much the highest to the number of Chapter members.

CONCLUSION.

In closing our report last year we took occasion to comment on the peaceful and prosperous condition of our Order everywhere. This condition of affairs continues, and, if possible, is more noticeable in the Proceedings of the present than in any preceding year.

For our own jurisdiction, and for the Order generally, the principal event of the year was the Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held in Denver, commencing August 9, 1892. Of this meeting the general expression has been favorable.

For the many kind words of our friends for the members of our Grand Commandery, the Triennial Committee, and for us personally, we hereby tender our thanks. As hosts, to please our guests was a delight to us, repaying all that we could do to make happy the crowds and individuals who came to visit us. We did all in our power to make the event a success to be remembered with pleasure, and shall ever be grateful for the words of commendation so liberally bestowed. At the same time remembering that our guests were determined to be pleased and have all the enjoyment possible, thereby making their entertainment comparatively easy, and a pleasure to us.

To the members of the Reportorial Corps: Allow us to say we enjoyed your visit as much as possible in the hurry of the many and pressing duties incident to the occasion. If there was any apparent neglect of any of you, it was unintentional. If we remember correctly, we were quite busy about that time. Our meeting forms one of the bright spots in our memory, which will last as long as memory itself remains to us in this world and, we believe, in the next.

So, good-bye until, Kind Providence permitting, we meet again.

H. M. ORAHOOD,
Chairman.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1.

DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month]

OFFICERS.

Silas W. Chaney, E. C.
Sidney A. Shepperd, G.
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Charles P. Wickes, J. W.

Chas. M. Clinton, Treas.
Edwin F. Arthur, Rec.
Samuel C. Dorsey, Std. B.
John J. Bresnahan, Swd. Br.
Luman M. Bogus, War.
Chas. J. McIntosh, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Ackerman, Wm. S.
Abrams, D. Albert
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Adams, James F.
Abel, Geo. W.
Adams, Matt
Alling, E. T.
Ambler, B. A.
Anderson, J. Wylie
Anderson, Cooper
Anderson, Wm. W.
Anstee, Geo.
Anthony, Webster D.
Ashley, Eli M.
Armstrong, Jesse M.
Atkins, Wm. S.
Bagley, Herman J.
Bailey, Hiram L.
Bailey, Joseph L.
Baker, A. J.
Baker, N. A.
Barton, D. Arthur
Bavis, L. M.
Bayles, Benj. H.
Baerresen, W. H.
Beggs, Wm. A.
Beeser, Geo. J.
Bishop, John
Blair, Robt. R.
Blakeley, A. A.
Blake, F. O.
Bleibel, Charles
Boggs, James B.
Bohm, Henry
Bond, Wm. M.
Bonesteel, Samuel A.
Bonney, S. G.
Booth, Wm. W.
Bottom, John T.
Bovee, Eugene C.
Bowman, J. W.
Bowen, Benj. F.
Bayer, John C.
Billings, Geo. N.
Brady, Wm. H. G.
Brannen, Robt. S.
Breuer, Charles M.

Bracken, Thos.
Brinee, Wm. E.
Brooks, Chas. D.
Brooks, Edward J.
Brown, Chas. E.
Brown, Jas. H.
Brown, J. Sidney
Brown, W. Gallagher
Burlingame, E. E.
Burnham, Norman G.
Butler, Calvin P.
Burns, John J.
Buttolph, Edward K.
Campbell, Chas. M.
Campbell, Donald W.
Campbell, W. B.
Came, Virgil M.
Capron, Adolphus B.
Carmichael, Daniel F.
Carney, John C.
Case, Austin G.
Chamberlin, Alfred W.
Cheesman, Walter S.
Chivington, John M.
Church, Frank
Cisler, Stephen A.
Cleaveland, John R.
Clemes, James H.
Clark, Charles T.
Clark, Clarence J.
Clark, James L.
Clark, Wm.
Cline, Lynn C.
Cobb, John P.
Coe, Wm. H.
Colby, Chas. H.
Colby, Ferris W.
Collins, John W.
Conant, Eugene F.
Conant, Francis J.
Cook, David J.
Cook, Lemuel S.
Cooper, Cyrus E.
Cooper, Wm. A. L.
Cooper, Wm. H.
Cornforth, Jos. T.
Cornwall, Wm. T.

Craig, Wm. B.
Cramer, Fred.
Crandall, Jas. H.
Creswell, John
Creswell, Joseph
Cutshaw, Leonard
Croskey, Albert B.
Dailey, John L.
Dale, Wm. W.
Danielson, Frank M.
Dautremont, John L.
Davis, C. L.
Davis, Flavius N.
Davis, W. C.
Dean, Horatio G.
Decker, Stephen D.
Depew, John F.
De Sollar, Herbert S.
Dickson, Henry C.
Dickson, J. L.
Dole, Wm. A.
Donellan, John T.
Downie, David
Downie, Edward R.
Dowson, Henry
Drescher, John F.
Dugzan, Geo.
Durkee, Lafayette
Edbrooke, Frank E.
Elbert, Samuel H.
Ellis, James A.
Emanuel, Wm. H.
English, Robert W.
Estes, Milton
Evans, John
Evans, James P.
Evans, Wm. G.
Farrington, Wm. R.
Felker, Wm. B.
Ferguson, Edward G.
Filby, Alfred A.
Fillmore, John S.
Fisher, Cyrus W.
Fisk, Fred. L.
Flanders, Leonard H.
Fletcher, Donald
Foot, Geo. T.

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- Ford, Chas. M.
 Forsythe, Alex.
 Francis, Wm. A.
 Franklin, Nelson
 Fraser, John J.
 Freeman, Edward L.
 Frewen, Frank
 Frost, Henry C.
 Furman, Henry M.
 Gaylord, Paul B.
 Gibbs, Wm. J.
 Gilbert, L. B.
 Gird, Christopher C.
 Goldsworthy, Richard W.
 Goodwin, Hiram S.
 Gore, Geo. W.
 Goudy, Frank C.
 Gove, Aaron
 Graham, David B.
 Graham, John W.
 Grant, Thos. J.
 Grayott, John A.
 Greenleaf, Lawrence N.
 Greenlee, L. C.
 Greenlee, Rob't C.
 Greenlee, Wm. E.
 Gutsch, Rudolph A.
 Gutshall, Samuel P.
 Gutshall, Thos. O.
 Hall, Fred F.
 Hall, R. E.
 Hanna, Jos. P.
 Hannum, Henry W.
 Hard, Frank J.
 Harkison, Chas. T.
 Harlow, Skip I.
 Harp, Wm. R.
 Harrington, Benj. F.
 Harris, Wm.
 Hart, Chas. N.
 Hart, Jos. W.
 Hatton, Rob't L.
 Hays, S. D. C.
 Heath, Andrew B.
 Heath, Ned F.
 Housley, Chas. K.
 Henry, Oren H.
 Hicke, Jas. R.
 Hildebrand, R. B.
 Hill, Frank B.
 Hilton, Frank W.
 Hobbs, Chas. M.
 Hoffer, John G.
 Hoisington, Jasper M.
 Hopson, Chas. M.
 House, Bruce F.
 Howard, J. Will
 Hudson, Jas. W.
 Huchart, John J.
 Hurd, Nathan B.
 Hutchins, Samuel A.
 Irish, Frank M.
 James, Benj. L.
 Jenner, Chas. W.
 Jenness, Wm.
 Johnson, Albert
 Johnson, Fred'k A.
 Johnston, Jas. C.
 Jones, Arthur E.
 Jones, John W.
 Jones, Latham W.
 Josselyn, Benaze S.
 Kavanaugh, Frederick F.
 Keck, Oscar F.
 Kelley, James
 Kelley, John P.
 Kellogg, Chas. M.
 Kellogg, George C.
 Kemple, Abel
 Kiefer, John
 Killie, Isaac L.
 Killin, Bernard C.
 Kimball, Geo. D.
 Kimball, Geo. K.
 Kinley, J. B.
 Kinnie, Albert W.
 Kinport, Jesse E.
 Kirby, Marcellus C.
 Kirkham, Walter
 Kisthard, David B.
 Klock, John I.
 Kountze, Chas. B.
 Kramer, Geo. W.
 Kroening, Geo. R.
 LaDue, Theodora F.
 Lambert, Wm. T.
 Larmon, Chas. W.
 Lawrence, David
 Lawrence, Mortimer J.
 Lea, Alfred E.
 LeBert, Richard
 Leiff, Jas.
 Letts, Chas. E.
 Linton, Thos.
 Lipscomb, Thos. W.
 Livezey, John J.
 Long, Rob't A.
 Lord, Frank J.
 Lueders, Herman
 Lunt, Richard P.
 Lyon, Wm. F. M.
 McAllister, A.
 McBeth, Jno. A.
 McCarthy, Andrew J.
 McLelland, P. H.
 McConnell, Jas. G.
 McDonough, John
 McFarland, Findlay L.
 McFarland, Jas.
 McGaffey, Albert B.
 McGaffey, Dexter B.
 McGraw, R. T.
 McIntyre, Frank S.
 McKay, Smith
 McKee, Thos. R.
 McLellan, Wm. W.
 Mack, Fred.
 Macon, Wm. P.
 Malone, Richard H.
 Malone, Wm. H.
 Mansfield, L. Roy
 Mansfield, Nathan T.
 Marcus, Willis A.
 Markham, Jas. T.
 Martin, Wm.
 Mayo, Dudley D.
 Messenger, K. E.
 Metcalf, Frank A.
 Meyers, Henry J.
 Middlebrook, A.
 Middlebrook, John H.
 Miller, Alex.
 Miller, Chas. M.
 Miller, Frank A.
 Mills, Wm. F. R.
 Milner, Joseph
 Moffit, James C.
 Moore, J. A.
 Moore, Lucius L.
 Morehouse, Philip E.
 Morgan, Jas.
 Morrison, S. M.
 Morrison, Thos. J.
 Mosley, Richard W.
 Mount, John
 Munson, Geo. C.
 Myers, J. A.
 Mygatt, Wm. R.
 Nance, Fred'k W.
 Nankivell, Jas.
 Neff, Geo. W.
 Newell, Harris W.
 Newell, Lyne S.
 Nicholl, Thos.
 Nicholl, Wm. J.
 Nichols, Jas. H.
 Nolds, Elisha J.
 Norris, Geo. C.
 Norton, Samuel B.
 Norvell, Lucius P.
 Nys, Willis N.
 Newcomb, Henry E.
 O'Brien, Peter
 Olympus, John P.
 Palmer, Peter L.
 Palmer, Wm. B.
 Parfet, Chas. E.
 Parkhurst, John F.
 Parkhurst, Lemuel W.
 Parkhurst, Wm. G.
 Patten, Thos. J.
 Pennock, Homer
 Perkins, Wm. F.
 Peters, Chas. H.
 Phillips, J. Bevan
 Phister, Chas. B.
 Pierce, C. P.
 Pierce, Edwin F.
 Pierson, Robert K.
 Piper, Wm. B.
 Plumb, Porter
 Pochin, James L.
 Porter, James H.
 Prackwinkle, Wm.
 Price, John E.
 Pringle, Jordan P.
 Quinn, Wm. H.
 Quinn, Wm. W.
 Ransaw, Lee
 Randolph, John A.
 Raymond, Chas. A.
 Redfield, Geo. S.
 Reed, Wm.
 Reilly, Chas. J.
 Rhoads, Alonzo G.
 Rhoads, Harry F.
 Rhoads, Justin M.
 Richmond, Chas. B.
 Riddell, Philip H.
 Riggs, Joseph S.
 Robinson, Wm. F.
 Roe, Rob't S.
 Rogers, Benj. W.
 Rogers, Edmund J. A.
 Rogers, Wm. T.
 Rountt, Jno. L.
 Rowe, David
 Rubicum, Jonathan S.
 Rundle, Thos. C.

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Ryan, Daniel J.
 Sage, Albert N.
 Sage, Charles H.
 Satterfield, E. F.
 Sawins, Alva H.
 Scattergood, Israel M.
 Schmidlap, John D.
 Scholz, Edmund L.
 Schrader, Fred. C.
 Schroter, Sidney H.
 Scobey, Orlando B.
 Scott, Chas. J.
 Scott, Geo. H.
 Seerie, David D.
 Shanks, Thos. N.
 Shattuc, Smith M.
 Shearer, A. T.
 Shearer, Jas.
 Sheckells, Richard T.
 Skiff, Fred. J. V.
 Skinner, Daniel T.
 Slater, Geo. G.
 Smedley, Wm.
 Smith, Erasmus W.
 Smith, Frank W.
 Smith, Irving G.
 Smith, Joseph H.
 Smith, Pierce T.
 Smith, Roland D.
 Smith, Wm. D.
 Smutzer, Fred. C.
 Sneve, Anthony
 Southgate, Walter
 Sours, P. J.
 Spangler, Michael
 Sprague, Wm. B.
 Stark, Albert J.
 Steele, Henry P.

Steele, Ned
 Steele, Robert W.
 Steinmetz, Chas. C.
 Stephens, Henry J. Jr.
 Stevens, Chas. P.
 Stewart, Ralph P.
 Strickler, James M.
 Strong, Frank H.
 Sutton, John C.
 Taisey, Chas. H.
 Tanquary, Nathan Q.
 Tedford, Jas. A.
 Thompson, Geo. W.
 Thompson, Robt. D.
 Timmerman, John L.
 Titcomb, John S.
 Titus, Chas. H.
 Todd, Wm. D.
 Toovey, Wm.
 Toy, Solomon J.
 Tracey, Lester C.
 Traver, Wilbur H.
 Treat, Chas. A.
 Tritch, Geo.
 Tritch, Geo. Jr.
 Trufant, Wm. B.
 Tucker, Francis M.
 Twombly, John C.
 Uzzell, Thos. A.
 Van Hoevenburg, D. M.
 Van Horn, Marion D.
 Vallie, Uplide
 Vick Roy, Alonzo F.
 Vickers, Jerome A.
 Vosburgh, Nathan O.
 Wadsworth, Harrison L.
 Waid, Orin C.
 Walker, Thos. C.

Wallace, Jos. T.
 Walley, John J.
 Walsey, Fred.
 Watkins, Leonard A.
 Watkins, Leonard K.
 Weber, Albert H.
 Webster, Ralph C.
 Welch, Albert L.
 Wheeler, Frank
 Wheeler, Frank E.
 White, Wm. A.
 Whittall, Thos. D.
 Whittamore, Oliver A.
 Welder, Asa
 Wilcox, Stephen J.
 Wilgus, Thos. B.
 Willette, Geo. W.
 Williams, Fred A.
 Willoughby, Edmund A.
 Wilson, Andrew D.
 Wilson, Chas. F.
 Wilson, Wm. J.
 Winne, Peter
 Winter, Allison T.
 Woodbury, Roger W.
 Wolff, Alfred
 Woolley, Geo. H.
 Wright, Chas. B.
 Wright, Geo. F.
 Wright, J. C.
 Wyant, T. H. Jr.
 Yankee, Wm. H.
 York, Ernest P.
 Younker, Jason T.
 Zimmers, Philip D.
 Zint, Geo. W.
 Ziska, August A.
 Zollars, Thos. J.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.

CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

George W. Mabec, E. C.
 William J. Lewis, G.
 Richard Harvey, C. G.
 Clayton F. Becker, Pre.
 William C. Fullerton, S. W.
 Perry A. Kline, J. W.

David A. Hamor, Treas.
 Samuel I. Lora, Rec.
 William Harvey, Std. B.
 Isaac M. Parsons, Swd. Br.
 Henry Becker, War.
 Peter C. Hansen, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, John D.
 Aulsebrook, Alexander
 Ashbaugh, Abraham
 Best, John
 Bolsinger, Henry C.
 Brannan, John
 Bush, William L.
 Bush, Clayton W.
 Collier, David C.
 Chewer, Joseph E.
 Fullerton, William

Hocking, William
 Hughes, Edward C.
 Lechner, George W.
 Lowell, Benjamin F.
 McClelland, George E.
 Nichols, Foster
 Oranhood, Harper M.
 Owen, Newton D.
 Potter, Thomas H.
 Packard, John H.
 Roberts, Daniel

Stebbins, Henry H.
 Sherwin, John J.
 Teller, Henry M.
 Tucker, Anthony W.
 Thorsen, Peder L.
 Van Doren, Arch J.
 Vivian, George G.
 Wells, Benjamin T.
 Watson, Joseph W.
 Williams, Edward W.
 Young, Frank C.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3.

PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Walter G. Adams, E. C.
 Walter L. Dorland, G.
 Frank M. Dunbaugh, G.
 Julius D. Brown, Pre.
 John I. Pearson, S. W.
 Edward R. Chew, J. W.

Nimrod S. Walpole, Treas.
 Charles W. Bowman, Rec.
 John J. Willard, Std. B.
 Bishop D. V. Reeve, Swd. Br.
 Andrew Park, War.
 James Stanchfield, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Alva
 Banks, Horace N.
 Banks, Henry C.
 Barkley, Henry
 Billington, William H.
 Bradley, Ufford
 Barnam, Curtis W.
 Bostwick, Edwin L.
 Clark, John Rale
 Chopper, Israel F.
 Clark, John T.
 Corwin, Richard W.
 Cox, Charles
 Culver, William E.
 De Remer, James R.
 Dunbaugh, George J.
 Doudna, John V.
 Fisher, Albert T.
 Fitch, Michael H.
 Fraser, William G.
 Gartley, Wilson P.
 Gatman, Lyman P.
 Goodnight, Charles
 Graham, Alfred E.
 Grant, Angus A.
 Glatzell, Frank
 Greene, Daniel R.
 Grubb, Erastus P.
 Gill, George W.
 Hancock, William Walter

Hard, Gideon H.
 Holland, Alfred G.
 Humphrey, William A.
 James, Rees
 Jones, James E.
 Joy, James A.
 Keith, Fordyce M.
 Ketchin, Harrison M.
 Kilbourn, Jonathan B.
 King, Alexander T.
 Martel, James P.
 Miles, John E.
 Morse, Henry M.
 Moses, Lincoln E.
 Moses, William A.
 McDaniel, Z. T.
 McKee, John M.
 Nash, Herman W.
 Nelson, Charles F.
 Newcomer, Charles E.
 Newton, Whitney
 Orman, James B.
 Olin, Ceylon E.
 Perkins, George W.
 Pochon, Joseph J.
 Ramsay, George B.
 Richards, Norman P.
 Robinson, John T.
 Root, George H.
 Rose, George W.

Serjeant, Ellis
 Sheriff, Samuel
 Shields, George A.
 Shockey, William L.
 Shrock, Frank H.
 Sleeper, John W.
 Smith, James Edward
 Smith, Graham
 Stanton, Irving W.
 Steck, Edward M.
 Strait, William W.
 Sweeney, William H.
 Smith, Hugh M.
 Taylor, William C.
 Thompson, Thomas
 Townsend, Wood F.
 Turner, De Witt C.
 Thomas, John J.
 Umy, David F.
 Usher, William H.
 Van Brunt, William
 Walker, Charles
 Wartenbee, Robert H.
 Williamson, Henry A.
 Wilson, Benjamin M.
 Wilson, Christopher
 Wormley, Frederick P.
 Williford, George W.
 Zimmerman, William M.

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4.

GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Thomas Bennett, E. C.
 Lee F. McFadon, G.
 Warren M. Fletcher, C. G.
 Russell J. Collins, Pre.
 John H. Bennett, S. W.
 William E. Barton, J. W.

Fred S. Johnson, Treas.
 George Meyers, Rec.
 David R. Wilson, Std. B.
 Charles B. Bullock, Swd. Br.
 Herbert Gedney, War.
 Samuel Hardy, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Barrett, George H.
 Boyer, Henry
 Cornish, N. D.
 Cornish, Thomas
 Copeland, Jesse M.
 Catren, Benjamin C.

Duff, William A.
 Foster, Ernest Le Neve
 Forstrand, Peter M.
 Fish, Charles R.
 Hall, George W.
 Jacobson, Charles H.

Phillips, John F.
 Pollard, Charles W.
 Pomeroy, Richard A.
 Perchard, James
 Parmelee, Ed. C.
 Sedgwick, R. A.

MT. OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY No. 5.

LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Daniel McNiven, E. C.
 George P. Brown, G.
 David La Salle, C. G.
 Charles Cavender, Pre.
 Charles E. Dickerson, S. W.
 Henry R. Pendry, J. W.

Clarence Hersey, Treas..
 Willis L. Thompson, Rec.
 John A. Ewing, Std. B.
 William J. Steen, Swd. Br.
 Herbert D. Corwin, War.
 Hans Jans, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, Elijah H.
 Alfred, John
 Branch, Albert H.
 Burchinell, William K.
 Boettcher, Charles
 Braden, William
 Baker, Irwin G.
 Burnand, Alphonse A.
 Beaudry, Fred B.
 Bowdish, R. C.
 Bissell, Julius B.
 Blakely, H. M.
 Bretherton, S. E.
 Brown, Samuel M.
 Baldy, John P.
 Cook, George W.
 Christian, Charles J.
 Crawford, W. C.
 Cain, William J.
 De Lay, Robert L.
 Dougan, George B.

Dougan, David H.
 Faucher, Bicknell
 Flintham, John W.
 Gunnell, Allen T.
 Guller, William
 Galloway, Bradford S.
 Goddard, Luther M.
 Gear, Loftus
 Goaler, Arthur M.
 Harvey, John.
 Hundchen, Albert
 Lumsden, John
 Mack, Jacob
 Maxwell, John M.
 Museer, John W.
 McMillen, Neil
 Miller, Frederick C.
 Mitchell, Horace C.
 McNulty, James
 Nowland, John

Nicholson, Samuel D.
 Officer, Frank H.
 Peterson, Peter A.
 Playter, Arthur T.
 Pierce, Jerry N.
 Power, Roger F.
 Reef, Joseph S.
 Recen, Daniel A.
 Ramsey, George W.
 Smith, Joel W.
 Stotesbury, John H.
 Smith, Henry W.
 Stickley, Benjamin F.
 Swain, L. C.
 Treat, C. F.
 Wheat, L. B.
 Whinnerah, Raymond
 Wilder, Samuel D.
 Williams, John H.
 Woodford, Joseph W.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6.

COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Thursdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Edward R. Walter, E. C.
 William H. Reed, G.
 James B. Severy, C. G.
 Ernst M. Lotz, Pre.
 Howard J. Stanley, S. W.
 Jacob Schmitt, J. W.

Lewis C. Skinner, Treas.
 John N. Green, Rec.
 Spencer F. Maltby, Std. B.
 William F. Woodside, Swd. B.
 Raymond Reed, War.
 Chester H. Dillon, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Charles
 Ashworth, Robert H.
 Atkinson, Lynn S.
 Barnes, James P.
 Bletso, Albert J.
 Barker, Charles W.
 Boyer, Sam. L.
 Bott, Anthony
 Beynon, Benj. L.
 Bates, Lewis N.
 Bartlett, Henry W.

Briscoe, Robert S.
 Crowell, Benj. F.
 Courter, John
 Carmichael, Edward
 Casser, Constantine
 Dow, Ferdinand E.
 Dougherty, Eugene
 Ellison, James M.
 Eaton, Edwin J.
 Ellis, Edward L.
 Evans, Charles E.

France, Matt
 Frowine, Charles H.
 Frost, George W.
 Frizzell, William
 Giddings, Edwin W. Jr.
 Grafton, Homer H.
 Gilmore, Edward C.
 Gerhardt, Paul
 Humphrey, Joseph F.
 Himebaugh, John A.
 Howbert, Irving

MEMBERS.

Hughes, Thomas
 Hayes, James A. Jr.
 Henry, Orin E.
 Horn, Thomas G.
 Humphrey, Andrew L.
 Hutchison, Albert B.
 Jones, Myron W.
 Jennings, Arthur S.
 Kerr, James H.
 Kuhn, Charles E.
 Lawton, Andrew L.
 Leddy, M. A.

Lawrence, George W.
 McShane, David
 Marston, James L.
 Martin, Frederick L.
 Matthews, Albert
 Munson, Reuben D.
 Ortaeifer, William A.
 Potter, John
 Parker, James M.
 Pattinson, Benj. W.
 Reynolds, Joseph E.
 Roby, Frank F.

Sagendorf, Andrew
 Stillman, John W.
 Smith, Charles S.
 Steele, Wesley S.
 Stubbs, Cassius E.
 St. John, Edward S.
 Thomas, Frank
 Woodbury, James C.
 Woods, Edwin L.
 Waltemeyer, Edward L.
 Walker, George W.
 Zobrist, Charles L.

MT. SINAI COMMANDERY No. 7.

BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

M. W. Hisey, E. C.
 J. L. Moorehead, G.
 George F. Fonda, C. G.
 W. L. Burdick (Honorary), Pre.
 Fred L. Williams, S. W.
 Charles A. Russell, J. W.

George M. McClure, Treas.
 H. E. Washburn, Rec.
 S. C. Brown, Std. B.
 George F. Chase, Swd. Br.
 George S. Oliver, War.
 James Kempter, C. of G.

Bradley, Hubert N.
 Burns, M. F.
 Bartlett, Reuel
 Chambers, John S.
 Connell, John
 Corvill, James
 Dodge, H. O.
 Danford, Thomas
 Develine, J. W.
 Davis, John
 Davis, Charles
 Dabney, Charles
 Downer, Sylvester S.
 Ellingham, John J.
 Fullen, Hiram
 Faurot, Charles S.
 Goldsworthy, William
 Gilbert, Richard
 Henry, Albert T.
 Hathaway, Mark
 Hathaway, W. N.
 Howell, William R.
 Hutchinson, D. J.

Hult, William
 Hood, James H.
 Johnston, William J.
 Johnson, Frank
 Jackson, Nelson
 Kohler, Fred W.
 Knill, Thomas
 Lockwood, Fred
 Luxon, Joseph
 Metcalf, Eli P.
 Maxwell, James P.
 Macky, A. J.
 McGoffy, S. M.
 Morrell, Henry
 Nicholson, J. W.
 O'Conner, Timothy
 O'Neil, J. M.
 Owen, Thomas R.
 Phillips, N. M.
 Fugh, John
 Pine, B. Frank
 Rowen, William F.

Rogers, Platt
 Shires, Thomas
 Spencer, Charles L.
 Simpson, John H.
 Streamer, F. M.
 Sawyer, A. M.
 Schriver, J. C.
 Smith, James A.
 Seely, W. L.
 Safely, Alexander F.
 Trezise, John G.
 Thorne, Squire J.
 Tyler, Frank
 Tyler, Fred
 Temple, E. J.
 Velle, J. B.
 Wellman, Sylvanus
 Walker, Ed. S.
 White, William W.
 Wilder, Eugene
 Williams, John N.
 Whitely, R. H.

GUNNISON COMMANDERY No. 8.

GUNNISON, GUNNISON COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Wednesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

William J. Fine, E. C.
 John E. Brothers, G.
 John A. Steele, C. G.
 Samuel P. Spencer, Pre.
 Michael Monahan, S. W.
 Henry C. Bartlett, J. W.

Eugene P. Shove, Treas.
 Ira Brown, Rec.
 Michael W. Flavin, Std. B.
 Osmer H. Aikins, Swd. B.
 Truman W. Gray, War.
 Charles Biebel, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Wallace A.
Brown, Ira Ewart
Calvert, William W.
Chamblin, Albert K.
Chrystal, James F.
Chrystal, John F.
Davis, William H.
Edwards, Albert H.
Gibson, Ezra
Heyser, Abram E.
Lewis, Thomas J.
Lawrence, James S.

May, Clarence
McKenna, Thomas J.
Moyer, Samuel L.
Olney, Henry C.
Pirie, George
Pearson, John F.
Purrier, Henry
Rhodes, Matthew
Roblee, Morgan A.
Seelinger, Frederick A.
Snyder, William

Songer, Frank E.
Steele, Frank D.
Starry Thomas
Tanner, Frank P.
Wilson, Richard B.
Webb, John
Wheeler, Nat. C.
Winn, Charles F.
Wolff, Benjamin J.
Wright, Henry C.
Young, George

CANON CITY COMMANDERY No. 9.

CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY.

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Joseph W. Milsom, E. C.
William H. Trout, G.
Thomas H. Craven, C. G.
William T. Bridwell, Pre.
William H. Weaver, S. W.
Robert C. Stewart, J. W.

James P. Champan, Treas.
James H. Peabody, Rec.
Charles Pauls, Std. B.
George Bethel, Swd. Br.
Theo. M. Harding, War.
John Gravestock, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, David
Adams, B. C.
Adair, George W.
Butler, Edward A.
Bradbury, George E.
Bradbury, Daniel A.
Bowby, James S.
Black, Amos R.
Coetlett, Walter
Caseedy, George R.
Collins, Charles M.
Davenport, Charles E.
Dudley, George E.
Dufur, Charles E.
Earle, Henry
Earle, George W.
Ford, Allen E.
Fort, William E.
Frain, Lewis S.

Gilmore, Benjamin W.
Garrett, Daniel N.
Haskins, Charles F.
Hadden, George
Hall, Robert D.
Hall, Linville J.
Johnson, William E.
Jones, Benjamin F.
Kellenberger, George H.
Lawrence, Adley B.
Little, Joseph T.
Mayhew, William M.
Mitchell, George M.
Mitchell, Edwin
Mitchell, Jerry W.
Maxson, Chester W.
McGilliard, William P.
McGrath, Miles
Oliver, John Y.

Palmer, Hunter T.
*Parker, William C.
Pattee, David C.
Palmer, Thomas D.
Price, Henry L.
Pope, Roger
Roe, George W.
Rynolds, Fred A.
Robertson, John
Rockafellow, Benjamin F.
Rockwell, James J.
Rudolph, Andrew E.
Sartor, Augustus
Bell, Franz
Smith, C. C.
Slater, Henry Byron
Tucker, William P.
Young, Leroy C.

* Expelled May 20, 1893.

GREELEY COMMANDERY No. 10.

GREELEY, WELD COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

B. D. Harper, E. C.
J. A. Woodbury, G.
Sharon Atkinson, C. G.
W. C. Madison, Pre.
F. L. Childs, S. W.
A. Igo, J. W.

B. F. Johnson, Treas.
D. Murray, Rec.
B. W. Hilton, Std. B.
B. H. Eaton, Swd. Br.
Harry Ecker, War.
T. G. Macy, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abbott, Eugene H.
Brush, Jared L.
Barber, James S.
Beethan, James
Cook, John B.
Edmonds, Merritt C.
Eaton, Bruce G.
Freeman, James M.

Huffsmith, Peter
Matteson, Menzo C.
Mead, Mark S.
Mayher, William
Monahan, Deane
Pollock, William P.
Randolph, Calvin
Teller, Harrison

Thompson, Edward A.
Thompson, James W.
Wooliver, Jacob M.
Watson, Arthur C.
West, Henry T.
Willard, Le Barron
Wulfjin, Chas. W.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 11.

DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY.

[Conclaves fourth Tuesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Frank H. Young, E. C.
Peter L. Hansen, G.
Frank B. Roberts, C. G.
Samuel H. Thompson, Pre.
Geo. V. Copp, S. W.
Charles S. Butler, J. W.

John L. Parsons, Treas.
Andrew R. Lewis, Rec.
John C. Wynne, Std. B.
Geo. E. West, Swd. B.
George Weaver, War.
George Freund, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Ambold, Robt. A.
Bayl, William
Breen, Michael
Cadwell, Henry
Donnison, P. F.
Engleman, M. M.
Fasebinder, Peter
Gault, John
Goodman, Henry C.
Hookinson, Charles
Hickey, Charles
Haffron, H. G.
Knowles, John

Klingender, Melchoir
Klingender, Henry
Kepbart, Geo. W.
La Count, Wm. H.
Law, John
Longnecker, Wm. T.
Landon, J. P.
Meredith, Joseph
Morawetz, Albert
McGregor, D. C.
Newman, Charles
Parshall, W. W.
Rockwood, Thomas

Russell, James L.
Shaw, Dan'l J.
Sheets, Dan'l L.
Swickheimer, David
Thorp, Geo. L.
Thompson, Elmer L.
Warren, Wm. D.
Waters, J. H. Ernest
Wigglesworth, Thos. H.
Ware, Harry F.
Wingate, Frank A.
Wingate, John W.
Sanford, Jethro C.

LONG'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 12.

LONGMONT, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

John A. Buckley, E. C.
George W. Brown, G.
Mel. J. Wilson, C. G.
Francis M. Downer, Pre.
Franklin P. Secor, S. W.
Charles J. Gregg, J. W.

John Ramsey, Treas.
Abraham L. Gibson, Rec.
Fred. A. Crane, Std. B.
Thomas Butler, Swd. Br.
Will H. Webb, War.
George S. Phillips, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, Frank V.
 Atwood, George N.
 Allen, Fred E.
 Baker, Charles H.
 Bartells, Charles F.
 Brown, Cassius M.
 Bardill, Conrad
 Breckle, Willie J.
 Butler, Stephen
 Coffman, Enoch J.
 Coburn, William T.
 Carr, Byron L.
 Clark, Cornelius C.
 Dell, George T.
 Davis, Frank I.
 Davis, Frank B.
 Dickson, Lewis H.

Denio, James W.
 Daniels, John E.
 Enwhistle, Thomas
 Foster, James S.
 Greiner, James W.
 Griffith, Richard G.
 Grant, John Q.
 Hartford, John F.
 Hockenburger, William
 Henderson, Andrew M.
 Hubble, Richard M.
 Herron, Ira L.
 Herron, Oscar F.
 James, William E.
 Johnson, Thomas F.
 King, William

Lykin, David J.
 Mitchell, Joseph
 Marshall, Oliver W.
 Morgan, Joseph J.
 Nicholson, William
 Norton, Elbert E.
 Ransom, Dick
 Shoemaker, J. Frank
 Secor, Milo G.
 Small, Major
 Toppliff, Joseph J.
 Warner, Willis A.
 Webb, Charles O.
 White, Eben
 Wilson, Harry E.
 Wyman, George E.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY No. 13.

FORT COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Saturdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Montgomery, E. C.
 James B. Arthur, G.
 Suel E. Clark, C. G.
 John C. Hanna, Pre.
 Leander Giddings, S. W.
 Alfred A. Edwards, J. W.

Chas. H. Sheldon, Treas.
 C. E. Lull, Rec.
 Adrien Blackmer, Std. B.
 Geo. A. Webb, Swd. Br.
 J. T. Budrow, War.
 Thos. H. Doolittle, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, Peter
 Andrews, Chas. B.
 Armstrong, Andrew
 Annie, Frank J.
 Boughton, Jay H.
 Brewer, Chas. W.
 Brown, Arthur F.
 Beach, Jerry T.
 Bristol, Jndson H.
 Barnes, Wm.
 Clinton, John C.
 Cuthbertson, James
 Dugan, Thos. H.
 Ellis, Alston
 Greiner, Jackson M.
 Garbutt, Edward N.
 Gage, Thadius A.

Hottel, Andrew J.
 Hamilton, A. L.
 Hall, Wm.
 Hoffman, J. M.
 Lindenmeier, Wm., Jr
 Leonard, Porter D.
 Love, Ephriam
 Lane, Chas. D.
 Miller, Chas. P.
 Martin, John W.
 Moore, Lewis C.
 Maxwell, Chas.
 McAnelly, Jefferson
 Parker, Chas. V.
 Plummer, Z. C.
 Robinson, Thos. M.

Ramey, T. C.
 Robertson, Thos. H.
 Rugb, Christian
 Sturdevant, Harvey F.
 Sickman, Alonzo P.
 Seckner, S. H.
 Scott, A. W.
 Stover, Frank P.
 Secord, Courtland
 Scott, F. N. B.
 Ticknor, Alonzo A.
 Watrous, Ansel
 Woodward, Chas. N.
 Whittton, John
 Weaver, D. A.
 Zweifel, John J.

ASPEN MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY No. 14.

ASPEN, PITKIN COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

James M. Dills, E. C.
George C. Vickery, G.
Walter S. Clarke, C. G.
C. M. Soule, Pre.
Calvin McCrea, S. W.
Mortimer J. Geary, J. W.

David R. C. Brown, Treas.
Fred A. Hunt, Rec.
John H. Greener, Std. B.
A. J. Varney, Swd. Br.
Frank T. Dickenson, War.
Martin V. Krepf, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Auld, John
Bright, Wm. H.
Bradshaw, Moses
Brown, J. L.
Connor, J. C.
Crosby, George F.
Campball, J. W.
Canning, John K.
Cox, Wm. J.
Davis, Thomas E.
Freeman, J. E.

Fisher, Richard H.
Gillespie, H. B.
Givens, Daniel
Keene, S. W.
Lyster, Theo. G.
McMurphy, Wm.
Miller, Riley
Mills, David A.
Martin, Geo. T.
Pratt, Charles H.
Robinson, Ed. S.

Reese, Charles
Rice, George Arthur
Stone, Lewis A.
Stevenson, A. M.
Schellkropf, J. H.
Shriver, Charles E.
Sweeney, John
Taft, Fred H.
Williams, John B.
Wardell, John B.

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE COMMANDERY No. 15

ALAMOSA, CONEJOS COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Monday in each Month.]

OFFICERS.

George A. Willis, E. C.
Charles M. Ball, G.
William Graham, C. G.
Horace H. Dubendorff, Pre.
George H. Shone, S. W.
A. B. Ruby, J. W.

John Gerteisen, Treas.
William H. Dixon, Rec.
Arnold D. Springer, Std. B.
Walter D. Carroll, Swd. Br.
John Spriestersbach, War.
J. Dawson Tracy, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bannister, Amos
Bassett, Alden
Boone, James B.
Chapman, Norman H.
Cochran, William H.
Duddleson, Thomas J.

Ewing, John, Jr.
Eeles, John J.
Franklin, G. W.
Head, Lafayette.
Hindle, Francis L.
Mattos, Joseph S.

Merriman, Charles A.
McIntire, Albert W.
McKee, Milton
Thomson, Jeremiah L.
Warschauer, Fred.

OURAY COMMANDERY No. 16.

OURAY, OURAY COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Friday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

W. W. Rowan, E. C.
Ralph Williams, G.
Walter F. Wheeler, C. G.
W. W. Ashley, Pre.
Miles S. Corbett, S. W.
Wm. A. Hinsey, J. W.

Geo. A. Scott, Treas.
James W. Abbott, Rec.
John S. Brown, Std. B.
C. M. Nichols, Swd. Br.
Francis Carney, War.
Thomas Hooey, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Alexander, W. B.
 Adams, Arthur S.
 Arlett, Geo. H.
 Armstrong, Chas. A.
 Bailey, Lawrence L.
 Bradley, Joseph F.
 Clamp, James
 Decker, Phil
 Doty, D. H.
 Fourrell, Wm. H.
 Hanson, Rasmus
 Harvison, Alex.
 Hendershott, Joseph D.
 Haskins, Chas. W.

Herring, James K.
 Jardine, John M.
 Jeffers, Albert
 Kinkaid, John
 Kinley, Edward
 Kunz, Samuel W.
 Langley, John C.
 Lee, Harry A.
 Lindsay, Geo. G.
 Leonard, Chas. M.
 Mark, Milton H.
 McKenzie, Wm.
 Moyer, Al.
 Nelson, John W.

Niles, James
 Owen, Thomas
 Parlman, B. E.
 Phillips, W. Bruce
 Pierce, Geo. C.
 Proudfoot, Robt.
 Rose, Chas. F.
 Smith, Valerius Y.
 Stevens, Theron
 Story, Wm.
 Walsh, Harry H.
 Wilson, Walter B.
 Wilterding, Henry J.

SALIDA COMMANDERY No. 17.

SALIDA, CHAFFEE COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

William W. Roller, E. C.
 William E. Robertson, G.
 Jason Gillett, C. G.
 John Wallace Ohl, Pre.
 James B. McCoy, S. W.
 Charles G. Johnson, J. W.

John M. McComas, Treas.
 George W. McGovern, Rec.
 George W. Rose, Std. B.
 Frederick W. Brush, Swd. B.
 James A. Davidson, War.
 William G. Sisson, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Brooks, Cyrus A.
 Bonney, Josiah M.
 Boucher, Elmer T.
 Cole, Judson E.
 Cornelius, Charles S.
 Crymble, Hugh
 Cornwell, LaFayette
 Dale, William P.
 Eddy, John A.
 Guerin, Michael J.

Graf, Bernard
 Jones, Eugene B.
 Jackson, Frederick A.
 Lewis, Titus
 Libby, Charles S.
 Logan, William R.
 Mitchell, Henry W.
 McIvor, John J.
 Martin, Theodore
 Montgomery, George A.

Nye, Augustus T.
 Olsen, Gust. A.
 Seelinger, Sherman W.
 Shafer, Albert
 Thayer, Elmer A.
 Van Meter, Stroud
 Wilber, Ernest
 White, William D.
 Wood, Joshua W.

ORIENTAL COMMANDERY No. 18.

TRINIDAD, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

John H. Guilfoil, E. C.
 I. N. Rapp, G.
 Thos. Williams, C. G.
 J. P. M. Butler, Pre.
 L. E. Wade, S. W.
 John B. Hershey, J. W.

W. S. Keeney, Treas.
 D. S. Harper, Rec.
 R. G. Cook, Std. B.
 J. H. Roberts, Swd. Br.
 W. F. Munroe, War.
 S. D. Hayes, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bridge, Jas. L.
 Baker, Charles M.
 Brown, Simon V. B.
 Blake, Carlos H.
 Bateman, Geo. C.
 Brown, Henry E.
 Callaway, D. Robert
 Cunningham, William B.
 Cameron, John
 Carroll, James M.
 Eysenhardt, Paul
 Forhan, Thos. J.
 Gordan, William
 Gibbons, Richard D.

Humphreys, John
 Jones, William W.
 Lintburst, John F.
 Leighton, Hampton W.
 La Belle, Jason P.
 Milliken, Ivory Q.
 Miller, Daniel R.
 McMillan, Samuel
 Mahin, Wm. M.
 McBinery, Thos. J.
 Nesbitt, Edward F.
 O'Reilly, Hugh T.
 Pollock, Alex.

Peters, William E.
 Reese, George A.
 Roberts, Lorin H.
 Reinholds, J. R.
 Sherman, John F.
 Sleicher, J. M.
 Sueddon, Alex.
 Taylor, Alexander R.
 Unfug, Charles O.
 Wight, Fred'k D.
 Wilder, William H.
 Wooding, Benjamin F.
 Waldron, John M.

MONTROSE COMMANDERY No. 19.

MONTROSE, MONTROSE COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Fridays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

F. P. St. Clair, E. C.
 H. N. Bostwick, G.
 Allan H. Wise, C. G.
 A. Johnson, Pre.
 S. S. Sherman, S. W.
 J. W. Owens, J. W.

J. E. McJure, Treas.
 James F. Kyle, Rec.
 N. G. Clark, Std. B.
 G. W. Hottel, Swd. Br.
 Geo. H. Smith, War.
 Chas. H. Campbell, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, G. E.
 Akard, C. B.
 Bestor, E. D.
 Bonney, A. L.
 Butler, A. C.
 Beaudrey, F. B.
 Bell, John C.
 Baetjer, W. T.
 Baetjer, F. J.
 Boot, Wm.
 Chapman, F. A.

Cabill, J. W.
 Diehl, R. C.
 Hammond, H.
 King, A. R.
 Kelso, R. B.
 Kellock, Andrew
 Lees, John F.
 Latham, A., Sr.
 Latham, A., Jr.
 McGranaham, T. H.
 Marsh, John C.

McConnell, C. E.
 Overhiser, Geo. P.
 Ostenson, O. E.
 Robinson, W. W.
 Reynolds, J. M.
 Stephan, George
 Slaven, J. E.
 Tripler, J. W.
 Wise, H. D.
 Williams, R. F.

GLENWOOD COMMANDERY No. 20.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, GARFIELD COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Chas. A. Lee, E. C.
 Trehern W. Thomas, G.
 Charles W. Durand, C. G.
 Marshall H. Dean, Pre.
 John H. Feeler, S. W.
 Joseph S. Swan, J. W.

Barnie T. Napier, Treas.
 Fred C. Ewing, Rec.
 Jared R. DeRemer, Std. B.
 H. R. Kamm, Swd. B.
 William Dougan, War.
 Marcellus Monroe, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Arnold, Grant
Anderson, James
Dinkel, Wm. M.
Dynes, Wm. B.
Eddy, H. H.

Love, Joseph
Morley, Harvey K.
Moulton, Geo. H.
Nuckols, George H.
Tillery, W. H.

Hallett, Henry W.
Law, H. M.
Rice, A. A.
Schliff, W. A.

AKRON COMMANDERY No. 21.

AKRON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Joseph J. Bender, E. C.
Tyler O. Heiskell, G.
Adam J. Johnson, C. G.
James N. Counter, Pre.
Charles A. Parson, S. W.
Howard M. Putnam, J. W.

William Little, Treas.
Cyrus H. Phelps, as Rec.
Granville Pendleton, St. B.
Eliaba J. Bales, Swd. Br.
John F. Dole, War.
George W. Ball, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Butts, Lafayette M.
Barr, George W.
Clathworthy, Wm. H.
Devrin, James T.
Fisher, John B.
Gauth, John
Giszell, John H.
Griggby, Wm. C.
Handy, R. M.
Hardy, Fred

Kinkle, Charles W.
Knearl, William
Moore, John W.
More, Marcellus
McPherrin, Emmett N.
Munsing, August
Packard, D. C.
Pettis, Walter
Preston, Burton
Robinson, George W.

Rawalt, Benjamin F.
Simpson, Frank L.
Simpson, Francis M.
Skelton, William T.
Stephenson, Louis C.
Shonard, David
Toombley, Hurd W.
Waite, Ira W.
Young, Andrew J.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY No. 22.

LA JUNTA, OTERO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

B. A. Steen, E. C.
C. F. Kendall, G.
J. B. Pearce, C. G.
B. F. Haskins, Pre.
C. H. Allen, S. W.
W. T. McMurray, J. W.

J. Johnson, Treas.
J. W. Manley, Rec.
A. W. Miller, Std. B.
W. B. Gobin, Swd. Br.
J. B. Sherman, War.
H. Johnson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abera, V.
Dye, B. W.
Goddard, T. F.
Goddard, J. E.
Gauger, J. E.

Goodale, M. S.
Kerby, E. W.
Keesee, D.
Miller, G. T.
Poland, W. F.

Parsons, C. S.
Smith, E. J.
Steele, Wm. C.
Seeberger, E. F.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY No. 23.

GRAND JUNCTION, MESA COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Lawrence M. Miller, E. C.
Edward F. Eldridge, G.
Norman J. Krusen, C. G.
Jacob H. Rice, Pre.
David Roberts, S. W.
Truman A. Ketchum, J. W.

Theodore M. Jones, Treas.
David R. Crosby, Rec.
John J. Lumsden, Std. B.
Benton Canon, Swd. Br.
Chas. E. Gleesner, War.
Thos. E. Barnhouse, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Orson, Jr.
Armstrong, Geo. W.
Bartow, Jno. L.
Bower, Columbus
Bull, Heman R.

Carlyle, Wm.
Maloy, Ed. N.
Nelson, James H.
Olesen, Gust. A.

Powelson, Benj. F.
Shores, Cyrus W.
Starr, Thomas.
Snyder, Benj. J.

CHARTERED IN 1893.

DENVER COMMANDERY No. 25.

DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

Dispensation granted December 29, 1892, to

Wyman, George Edward, E. C. C., from Long's Peak Commandery No. 12, Longmont, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Hill, Frank Biale, G. C., from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Bissell, Julius Bidwell, C. C. G., from Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, Leadville, Colorado. Dues paid to July 1, 1893.

Atwood, George Nichols, from Long's Peak Commandery No. 12, Longmont, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Alling, Ebenezer T., from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Addams, Frederic E., from Wyoming Commandery No. 1, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Dues paid to January 9, 1893.

Barton, Darius Arthur, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Brannen, Robert S., from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Burlingame, Eugene E., from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Brown, Charles Edward, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Butler, Hugh, from Central City Commandery No. 2, Central City, Colorado. Dues paid to October 19, 1892.

Bucknum, Amasa M., from Jackson Commandery No. 9, Jackson, Michigan. Dues paid to January 9, 1894.

Campbell, Donald William, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Evans, James Porter, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Evans, William Gray, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Fletcher, Donald, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Fullerton, William, from Central City Commandery No. 2, Central City, Colorado. Dues paid to January 1, 1894.

Fisher, Cyrus W., from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Gove, Aaron, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Heath, Andrew Breasted, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Harkison, Charles Tibber, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Johnston, James Crowell, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Kramer, George Walter, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Lockwood, Robert Cook, from Beauseant Commandery No. 11, Quincy, Illinois. Dimit dated June 26, 1893.

Mayo, Dudley Daniel, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Orahood, Harper M., from Central City Commandery No. 2, Central City, Colorado. Dues paid to July 1, 1893.

Perchard, James, from Georgetown Commandery No. 4, Georgetown, Colorado. Dues paid to December 2, 1893.

Parmelee, Edward Carroll, from Georgetown Commandery No. 4, Georgetown, Colorado. Dues paid to June 3, 1893.

Rogers, Platt, from Mount Sinai Commandery No. 7, Boulder, Colorado. Dues paid to July 1, 1893.

Spangler, Michael, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Sneve, Anthony, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Schroter, Sidney Haines, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Todd, William David, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to December 1, 1893.

Trufant, William Boyd, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Vickers, Jerome Alexander, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Woodbury, Roger Williams, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Wallace, Joseph Talbot, from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colorado. Dues paid to June 1, 1893.

Wood, Charles Henry, from Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, Flint, Michigan. Dimit dated December 2, 1892.

Young, Francis Crissey, from Central City Commandery No. 2, Central City, Colorado. Dues paid to June 30, 1893.

Charter granted June 6, 1893, to the above and to the following, created while working under Dispensation:

Falke, Henry.

Feldhauser, Philip.

And to the following:

Foster, Ernest Le Neve, from Georgetown Commandery No. 4, Georgetown, Colorado. Dimit dated May 6, 1893.

Griscom, Eugene, from Raleigh Commandery No. 4, Raleigh, North Carolina. Dimit dated March 9, 1893.

Harlow, Arthur F., from Portland Commandery No. 2, Portland, Maine. Dimit dated December 26, 1892.

Malone, Booth M., from Beloit Commandery No. 6, Beloit, Michigan. Dimit dated March 11, 1887.

In Memory
OF THE
FIFTEEN SIR KNIGHTS
OF
THIS JURISDICTION
WHO HAVE
GONE TO THEIR
REST.

In Memory
OF
GEORGE C. DORLAND,
OUR
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
NEAR THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
INDIANA.

Died January 23, 1893.

"A Knight in all that the name implies: a warm and genial friend; an active and zealous Templar; a Christian Soldier of the Cross.

In Memory
OF
THE DECEASED SIR KNIGHTS
OF
OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

In Memoriam.

NAME	COMMAN- DERY NO.	DATE
Bergh, A.	1	October 12, 1892
Sopris, R.	1	April 7, 1893
Tuttle, H. R.	1	April 11, 1893
Martin, Caleb J.	2	August 1, 1892
Guest, Thomas.	3	March 20, 1893
Snyder, John W. O.	3	March 26, 1893
Williams, Morgan H.	5	September 30, 1892
Aux, George.	6	February 16, 1893
Spangler, George W.	7	October 2, 1892
Burton, Edward W.	8	January 3, 1893
Blount, George P.	8	April 4, 1893
Wallace, Edward F.	8	February —, 1893
Bainbridge, Wm.	9	May 1, 1892
Gray, Edwin C.	9	October 4, 1892
McIntyre, J. W.	13	October 8, 1892

APPENDIX.

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REINSTATED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Leiff, Joseph	1	July 5, 1892
Livesey, John, Jr.	1	August 18, 1892
Owen, Thos. B.	7	June 27, 1892
Safely, Alex. F.	7	November 14, 1892
Pennington, J. L.	11	August 27, 1892

DIMITTED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Allen, Q.	1	January 3, 1893
Flemming, J. A.	1	March 7, 1893
Groves, J. R.	1	January 8, 1893
Legge, Orr	1	March 7, 1893
Loeser, R. M.	1	March 7, 1893
Oliver, A. N.	1	December 20, 1892
Thomas, Benjamin B.	2	October 20, 1892
Grant, Emerson W.	3	May 7, 1892
King, Frank P.	3	January 7, 1893
Hilburn, Milton H.	3	January 7, 1893
Kane, William B.	3	January 7, 1893
Baldwin, Addison M.	3	February 4, 1893
Gault, Frank B.	3	February 4, 1893
Steen, Robert A.	3	June 7, 1892
Manley, John W.	3	June 7, 1892
Haskins, Benjamin F.	3	June 7, 1892
Poland, William F.	3	June 7, 1892
Johnson, John	3	June 7, 1892
Parsons, Charles S.	3	June 7, 1892
Miller, Alfred W.	3	June 7, 1892
Keesee, Daniel	3	June 7, 1892
McMurray, William T.	3	June 7, 1892
Wade, Charles H.	4	June 7, 1892
Shealy, W. J.	7	December 3, 1892
Gleesner, Charles E.	7	December 26, 1892
Van Clay, M.	7	June 8, 1892
Fesler, John H.	8	February 13, 1892
Kellock, Andrew	8	June 7, 1892
Kinkaid, John	8	June 7, 1892
Shores, Cyrus W.	8	June 8, 1892
Sweeney, John	8	May 8, 1892
Milliken, Charles	9	December 14, 1892
Miner, W. A.	10	April 20, 1893
Fullerton, W. S.	10	January 26, 1893
Hogarty, M. J.	10	January 26, 1893
McGruder, J. S.	10	April 27, 1893
Pennington, J. L.	11	April 27, 1893
Eates, M.	11	August 27, 1892
Kendall, C. F.	12	July 6, 1892
Hottel, Isaac W.	12	December 7, 1892
Van Hovenburg, D. M.	13	May 21, 1892
Dean, Marshall H.	14	June 7, 1892
Durand, Charles W.	14	June 7, 1892
Dugan, Wm.	14	June 7, 1892
Napier, B. T.	14	June 7, 1892
Swan, J. S.	14	June 7, 1892
Thomas, T. W.	14	June 7, 1892
Kamm, H. R.	14	June 7, 1892
Jacobs, Charles H.	14	June 6, 1892
Loy, Jacob, Jr.	14	December 6, 1892
Graves, Walter H.	15	February 13, 1893
Donovan, James W.	15	February 13, 1893
Blackwell, C. N.	17	April 27, 1893
Armstrong, Geo. W.	18	February 1, 1893
Smyth, Charles G.	20	January 14, 1893
	21	April 11, 1893

SUSPENDED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Wise, Frank A.	1	December 6, 1892
Tatnall, George H.	3	January 7, 1893
Wright, Roland A.	3	January 7, 1893
Criley, Wm. W.	4	June 4, 1892
Love, Joseph A.	4	January 7, 1893
Waller, Marion S.	8	May 24, 1892
Wilson, D. B.	10	April 27, 1893
Henderson, J. W.	13	November 5, 1892
George, Harry S.	21	April 11, 1893

EXPELLED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Bloomfield, Ira J.	15	April 25, 1893

TABULATED STATEMENT.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1893.

COMMANDERY	Number	POSTOFFICE	Created	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled	Members 1893	COMMANDER	RECORDER
Colorado	1	Denver	69	18	2	8	6	1	..	496	S. W. Chaney	E. F. Arthur
Central City	2	Central City	5	4	..	1	1	..	..	45	Geo. W. Mace	S. I. Lorch
Pueblo	3	Pueblo	5	4	..	2	15	3	..	102	W. G. Adams	Chas. W. Bowman
Georgetown	4	Georgetown	8	1	..	..	1	..	..	80	Thos. Bennett	Geo. Meyers
Mt. of the Holy Cross	5	Leadville	20	1	..	1	1	..	..	73	D. McNiwen	W. L. Thompson
Pike's Peak	6	Colorado Springs	7	2	..	1	1	..	..	81	E. R. Walter	J. N. Green
Mount Sinai	7	Boulder	7	1	2	1	3	..	..	78	M. W. Hisey	H. E. Washburn
Gunnison	8	Gunnison	5	..	..	2	5	1	..	46	Wm. J. Fine	Ira Brown
Cañon City	9	Cañon City	5	..	..	3	4	1	..	68	J. W. Milson	J. H. Peabody
Greeley	10	Greeley	4	..	..	2	4	..	..	36	H. D. Harper	D. Murray
Ivanhoe	11	Durango	9	..	1	1	1	..	..	51	F. H. Young	A. R. Lewis
De Molay	12	Longmont	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	61	J. A. Buckley	A. L. Gibson
Aspen Mountain	13	Fort Collins	8	1	..	1	1	..	..	61	T. J. Montgomery	C. E. Lall
Rio Grande del Norte	14	Aspen	6	3	..	1	9	..	..	44	J. M. Dille	F. A. Hunt
Ouray	15	Alamosa	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	29	G. A. Willis	W. H. Dixon
Salida	16	Ouray	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	W. W. Rowan	J. W. Abbott
Montrose	17	Salida	5	1	..	41	..	..	..	41	W. W. Roller	J. W. McGovern
Montrose	18	Trinidad	15	1	..	1	1	..	..	52	J. H. Guilfoil	D. S. Harper
Akron	19	Montrose	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	F. P. St. Clair	Jas. F. Kylo
Glenwood Springs	20	Glenwood Springs	4	2	..	..	1	..	..	26	Chas. A. Leo	P. C. Ewing
Palestine	21	Akron	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	41	J. J. Bender	J. W. Manley
Temple	22	La Junta	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	26	R. A. Steen	D. R. Grosby
Denver	23	Grand Junction	13	9	..	..	..	..	..	25	L. M. Miller	Ed. C. Parmelee
U D	U D	Denver	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	Geo. Wyman	..

* Suspended.

RECAPITULATION.

No. chartered previous to this Conclave..	23	Admitted	51	Expelled	1
No. at work	23	Died	15	No. in 1892	1893
Represented at this Conclave.....	19	Dimitted	56	No. in 1893	1893
Chartered this Conclave.....	1	Suspended	9	Net gain.	187
Created	212				

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY, MARCH 14, 1876.

Date	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain-General	Grand Prelate	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1876, Mar. 14	Henry M. Teller.	W. D. Anthony	I. W. Stanton	J. M. Strickler	* P. V. Finch	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1877, Mar. 13	W. D. Anthony.	W. D. Stanton	H. M. Orinwood	J. M. Strickler	* Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1878, Sept. 10	I. W. Stanton.	H. M. Orinwood	J. M. Strickler	M. Spangler	* Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1879, Sept. 21	H. M. Orinwood.	J. M. Strickler	M. Spangler	M. H. Fitch	* Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1880, Sept. 21	J. M. Strickler.	M. H. Fitch	Wm. Fullerton	Wm. Fullerton	* J. Mackey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1881, Sept. 22	M. Spangler.	Wm. Fullerton	Wm. Fullerton	* P. J. Coston	* Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1882, Sept. 22	M. H. Fitch.	Wm. Fullerton	R. W. Woodbury.	* P. J. Coston	* Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1883, Sept. 21	R. W. Woodbury.	I. P. Maxwell	Horace N. Banks.	Geo. C. Roberts	* Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1884, Sept. 13	I. P. Maxwell.	Horace N. Banks.	C. H. Jacobson.	A. H. Branch	Aaron Gove	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1885, Sept. 13	Horace N. Banks.	Aaron Gove	C. H. Jacobson.	A. H. Branch	J. H. Peabody	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1886, Oct. 8	Aaron Gove	A. H. Peabody	J. H. Peabody	Geo. Wyman	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1887, Sept. 21	J. H. Peabody	Geo. Wyman	S. H. Thompson	S. H. Thompson	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1888, Sept. 21	J. H. Peabody	Geo. Wyman	S. H. Thompson	B. L. Carr	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1889, Sept. 21	Geo. Wyman	S. H. Thompson	B. L. Carr	B. L. Carr	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1890, June 2	Byron L. Carr	A. A. Burnand	A. B. McGaffey	A. A. Burnand	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1891, June 2	A. A. Burnand	A. B. McGaffey	Wm. D. Todd	W. J. Pence	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1892, June 6	A. B. McGaffey	Wm. D. Todd	W. W. Rowan	W. W. Rowan	R. Harvey	Geo. Wyman	Ed. C. Parmelee
1893, June 6				E. P. Shore	R. Harvey	Geo. Wyman	Ed. C. Parmelee

* Dimited. † Expelled. ‡ Deceased.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

FROM			TO		
REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE	DATE OF COMMISSION	GRAND COMMANDERY	REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE
James S. Lawrence.	Gunnison	January 20, 1883	Alabama.	John M. Caldwell.	Ormiston.
Frank H. Young.	Durango.	January 30, 1880	Arkansas.	Henry Silverman.	Pine Bluff.
Harper M. Hancock.	Denver.	March 25, 1879	California.	Frank Sayre Orme.	Los Angeles.
Horace N. Banks.	Pueblo.	December 16, 1882	Connecticut.	Fred A. Spencer.	Waterbury.
Henry M. Teller.	Central City.	November 25, 1882	Georgia.	John H. Estill.	Savannah.
			Illinois.	Charles G. Mac.	Mattoon.
			Indiana.	S. P. Gillett.	Evansville.
Albert B. McGuffey.	Denver.	February 15, 1883	Iowa.	F. H. Loring.	Oskaloosa.
Eugene P. Shove.	Gunnison.	December 31, 1882	Kansas.	Bester G. Brown.	Topeka.
Andrew J. Hotell.	Fort Collins.	September 24, 1881	Kentucky.	Albert H. Gardner.	Louisville.
Aaron Grove.	Denver.	September 24, 1889	Louisiana.	Wm. T. Benedict.	New Orleans.
Webster D. Anthony.	Denver.	November 25, 1882	Maine.	Frank E. Sleeper.	Sabbies.
Benjamin F. Rawalt.	Akron.	December 1, 1882	Maryland.	C. R. Kibbucker.	Baltimore.
James P. Maxwell.	Boulder.	December 21, 1889	Mass. & Rhode Is'd.	South B. Harrington.	Bozoma.
			Michigan.	Hugh Mc'Urly.	Cornuna.
Henry T. West.	Greeley.	December 30, 1882	Minnesota.	Charles L. West.	Anstin.
A. A. Barnard.	Leadville.	January 20, 1880	Mississippi.	T. G. Birchett.	Vicksburg.
A. Sugendorf.	Denver.	January 5, 1880	Missouri.	David W. Wallace.	Independence.
Warren M. Fletcher.	Georgetown.	December 4, 1889	Montana.	Anton M. Holter.	Helena.
James H. Penfold.	Canon City.	December 31, 1882	Nebraska.	Gustav Anderson.	Omaha.
E. L. N. Foster.	Denver.	June 17, 1884	New Hampshire.	Joseph W. Hiltreth.	Manchester.
Horace O. Dodge.	Boulder.	June 5, 1889	New Jersey.	Frederick G. Wolfe.	Bordentown.
			New York.	Perry Stowell.	Lockport.
William T. Bridwell.	Canon City.	January 1, 1880	North Carolina.	James D. Glenn.	Greensboro.
Walter G. Adams.	Pueblo.	March 27, 1883	North Dakota.	Joseph Hare.	Bismarck.
Frank B. Hill.	Denver.	November 25, 1882	Ohio.	Joseph M. Booth.	Cleveland.
William D. Todd.	Denver.	November 24, 1882	Pennsylvania.	Wm. J. Kelly.	Philadelphia.
Geo. N. Atwood.	Denver.	March 15, 1883	South Dakota.	Richard C. Lake.	Rapid City.
Samuel H. Thompson.	Durango.	January 1, 1880	Tennessee.	Jas. D. Richardson.	Murfreesboro.
			Texas.	John Martin.	Paris.
Ed. C. Parmelee.	Pueblo.	October 1, 1882	Vermont.	Kittbridge Haskins.	Brattleboro.
James M. Ellison.	Colorado Springs.	January 18, 1887	Virginia.	E. H. Miller.	Danville.
			Washington.	Daniel T. Kysor.	Walla Walla.
F. A. Hunt.	Aspen.	December 15, 1882	West Virginia.	Charles F. Scott.	Parkersburg.
			Wisconsin.	Wm. H. Hughes.	Milwaukee.
Byron L. Carr.	Longmont.	December 28, 1882	Wyoming.	Geo. East.	Cheyenne.

DIRECTORY.

GRAND COMMANDEY	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE	GRAND RECORDER	RESIDENCE	CORRESPONDENT	RESIDENCE
Alabama.....	Charles Wheelock	Birmingham	E. H. Hastings	Montgomery	George F. Moore	Montgomery
Arkansas.....	Samuel W. Williams	Little Rock	James A. Henry	Little Rock	Fred K. J. H. Rickon	Little Rock
California.....	Wm. Underhill	San Francisco	T. H. Chewell	San Francisco	Wm. A. Davies	San Francisco
Canada.....	W. E. Shepherd	Toronto	Daniel Spary	Barrie	Henry Robertson	Collingwood
Colorado.....	Albert R. Reddick	Denver	Ed. C. Farnabee	Denver	Harper M. Orulood	Denver
Connecticut.....	James R. Whitman	Danbury	Joseph K. Wiesel	Harford	Grand Recorder	
Georgia.....	Wm. F. Baldwin	Macon	S. F. Hamilton	Savannah	Roland B. Hall	
Illinois.....	Charles F. Mac	Macomb	Wm. H. Barnard	Chicago	John E. Smith	Chicago
Indiana.....	Samuel S. Johnson	Jaffeeville	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis	N. W. Buckle	Indianapolis
Iowa.....	W. J. Debb	Mount Pleasant	Alf Wingate	Des Moines	J. W. C. Cox	Washington
Kansas.....	Clark Gray	Larned	D. Byington	Leavenworth	Grand Recorder	
Kentucky.....	Thomas F. Floornoy	Paducah	L. D. Croninger	Covington	Charles E. Woodruff	Louisville
Louisiana.....	Charles F. Buck	New Orleans	Richard Lambert	New Orleans	J. Q. A. Fellows	New Orleans
Maine.....	George H. Barbank	Saco	Stephen Barry	Portland	Grand Recorder	
Maryland.....	William H. Knay	Towson	John H. Miller	Baltimore	W. J. S. Grogan	Baltimore
Mass. & R. Island.....	Wm. H. H. Soule	Boston	Wm. W. Towell	Boston	Henry W. Hogg	Providence, R. I.
Michigan.....	Wm. L. Anthony	Stratford	Wm. V. Innes	Grand Rapids	Grand Recorder	
Minnesota.....	J. W. Nash	Minneapolis	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul	Grand Recorder	
Mississippi.....	A. W. Ferguson	Greenville	L. Power	Jackson	E. Geo. Dellap	Natchez
Missouri.....	Charles L. Graspell	Kansas City	William H. Mayo	St. Louis	Grand Recorder	
Montana.....	E. D. Allen	Butte	Cornelius Helges	Omaha	Grand Recorder	
Nebraska.....	William E. Bowen	Omaha	Thomas Craig	Omaha	Frank E. Ballard	North Platte
New Hampshire.....	Wardens E. Stager	Jersey City	George P. Cleaves	Concord	Albert S. Wait	Newport
New Jersey.....	Warren Dobbs	Jersey City	Charles Dechle	Trenton	Grand Recorder	
New York.....	Edward L. Maul	Madison	Robert Macy	New York	Jesse B. Anthony	Utica
North Carolina.....	Francis M. Maye	Wayton	Harvey J. Munson	Wilmington	John C. Chase	Wilmington
North Dakota.....	Lawell W. Knowlton	Fargo	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Grand Recorder	
Ohio.....	Martin J. Honeck	Dayton	John N. Hall	Dayton	Ernest T. Carson	Cincinnati
Oregon.....	Shas M. Moran	Eugene	James N. Robinson	Eugene	J. M. Hudson	Eugene
Pennsylvania.....	Charles E. Baer	Pittsburgh	Wm. H. Smith	Philadelphia	Lee S. Smith	Pittsburgh
South Dakota.....	George H. Rathman	Mitchell	Wm. H. Holt	Sioux Falls	Wm. D. Stiles	Sioux Falls

Tennessee.....	Memphis.....	George C. Connor.....	Chattanooga.....	Grand Recorder.....	Houston.....
Texas.....	El Paso.....	Robert Brewster.....	Houston.....	Robert M. Elgin.....	Brattleboro.....
Vermont.....	Windsor.....	W. G. Reynolds.....	Burlington.....	Kittredge Haskins.....	
Virginia.....	Norfolk.....	Wm. B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.....	Grand Recorder.....	
Washington.....	Ellensburg.....	Yancey C. Blalock.....	Walla Walla.....	Grand Recorder.....	
West Virginia.....	Wheeling.....	R. C. Dunnington.....	Fairmont.....	Odell S. Long.....	Charleston.....
Wisconsin.....	Beaver Dam.....	John W. Lefin.....	Milwaukee.....	William C. Swain.....	Milwaukee.....
Wyoming.....	.....	Adrian J. Parball.....	Cheyenne.....	John C. Baird.....	Cheyenne.....
United States.....	Corunna, Mich.....	Wm. B. Isaacs.....	Richmond, Va.....		

OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

HUGH McCURDY, Corunna, Mich.....	Grand Master
W. LARUE THOMAS, Danville, Ky.....	Deputy Grand Master
REUBEN H. LLOYD, San Francisco, Cala.....	Grand Generalissimo
HENRY B. STODDARD, Bryan, Texas.....	Grand Captain General
JOSEPH M. McGRATH, Morgan Park, Ills.....	Grand Prelate
GEORGE M. MOULTON, Chicago, Ills.....	Grand Senior Warden
HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.....	Grand Junior Warden
H. WALES LINES, Meriden, Conn.....	Grand Treasurer
WM. B. ISAACS, Richmond, Va.....	Grand Recorder
WM. B. MELLISH, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Grand Standard Bearer
GEORGE C. CONNOR, Chattanooga, Tenn.....	Grand Sword Bearer
HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver, Colo.....	Grand Warder
JOHN A. SLOAN, St. Louis, Mo.....	Grand Captain of the Guard

The Twenty-sixth Triennial will be held in Boston, Mass., August 27, 1895.

CODE OF STATUTES
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR and the Appendant Orders, of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

JURISDICTION.

SECTION 1. Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

OBJECTS.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause annul and revoke

the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for willful violations of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well-being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first nine of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R.: E.: Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held in the city of Denver on the first Tuesday of June each year.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES, DUES AND FINANCES.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood a sum not less than seventy-five (\$75) dollars.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For dispensation, ninety

(\$90) dollars; and for charter, the further sum of ten (\$10) dollars.

SEC. 3. Each Subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five (\$5) dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of fifty cents annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every Subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns to the first day of the month next preceding the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, a list of officers and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each Annual Conclave. The Recorder of each Commandery shall, immediately after the annual election, furnish the Grand Recorder a list of such officers.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

SECTION 1. Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following Standing Committees, of three Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these Committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns, and documents appertaining thereto; these Committees shall hold to the close of the session.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next Annual Conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. No amendment or alteration can be made to these Statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of August of each year, for such an amount as may be necessary to pay the dues due from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar.—1876, *page 13*.

2. *Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery donates to the M.: W.: Grand Lodge Library all the Proceedings of its sister Grand Commanderies and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Commandery.—1878, *page 18*.

3. By Chapter 44 of the Code of Statutes, the Grand Commandery is prohibited from making any change in the uniform as adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1862.

4. The purchase of "uniform" uniforms can best be regulated by the Subordinate Commanderies taking the matter under their own immediate control, and making contracts with a particular manufacturer for supplying their wants. And Subordinate Commanderies are hereby instructed to see that uniforms hereafter obtained by or for their members be made in every respect according to the statutes of the Grand Encampment.—1882, *page 14*.

5. *Resolved*, That the Ritual as promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States at the Triennial Conclave held in 1833, and known as the "Short Form" of Ritual, be and is hereby adopted as the work of said Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.—1885, *page 14*.

6. That hereafter each application to receive the orders of Knighthood in this jurisdiction shall bear upon its face the following words: "This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected."—1885, *page 14*.

7. A rejected candidate shall not be entitled to any other information save that he is rejected; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and upon conviction, expelled from the Order. It is hereby declared to be the duty of the Eminent Commander or Recorder of each Com-

mandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery, to publish this statute to his Commandery whenever a petition for the orders shall be voted upon by his Commandery.—1885, *page 15*.

8. *Resolved*, That the advice of Grand Commander Maxwell, in his address, upon the impropriety of establishing new Commanderies unless sufficiently far removed from old Commanderies as not to interfere with their efficiency, receive the hearty endorsement of this Grand Commandery.—1885, *page 19*.

9. No dispensation shall be issued for Commanderies U. D., without each applicant be clear on the books of his Commandery to date of the next Annual Grand Conclave, or present a dimit.—1886, *page 20*.

10. *Resolved*, That the "Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar," by H. B. Grant, be adopted for the use and government of Subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.—1886, *page 23*.

11. *Resolved*, That hereafter all necessary personal expenses of the Grand Commander and other Grand Officers, when on official visits or other duty, be borne by the Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder be and is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of any such Grand Officer for the payment of such necessary personal expenses, upon presentation to him of an account of such expenses, approved by the Grand Commander.—1887, *page 25*.

12. *Resolved*, That the trophy now belonging to this Grand Commandery may be competed for, in a competitive drill, by any two or more Commanderies of Colorado, to take place at the close of the session of the Grand Commandery each year; said trophy to become the property of the Commandery winning three times; *Provided*, the rules adopted by the Grand Commandery for the drill of 1887 shall prevail.—1888, *page 23*.

The rules above referred to are:

First—Each Commandery competing for the prize shall consist of eighteen Sir Knights, two guides and one officer—twenty-one constituting the number.

Second—All movements and manual evolutions to be authorized by Grant's Tactics, pages 11 to 184 inclusive.

Third—Twenty-five minutes shall be allowed each Commandery for executing the movements indicated on card drawn by the officer of that Commandery.

Fourth—The several Commanderies entering for drill shall, through their commanding officer, by lot, determine their time for drill.

Fifth—Three judges to be appointed, who shall be competent Knights Templar, if convenient, living without this jurisdiction, to be selected by the Grand Commander of this jurisdiction.

Sixth—The manual of the sword, movements, evolutions, have been placed on five cards, each card representing a variety of movements, all contained in Grant's Manual between pages 11 and 148 inclusive; cards are numbered one to five consecutively. The movements on each card are noted with the page where they will be found in Grant's Manual; each commanding officer to draw from the judges one of these cards, about face, take command of his commandery, and in the following twenty-five minutes or less, execute all the movements on the card.

13. *Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery recognizes as Masonry in this State only such organizations as are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Commandery K. T., the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, presided over by Albert Pike and Henry L. Palmer.—1888, page 25.

14. *Resolved*, That on the evening of the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, that work on the Templar Order be conferred by such officers as may be designated by the Grand Commander at the previous Annual Conclave.—1889, page 27.

15. *Resolved*, That the Grand Officers and the officers highest in rank representing each chartered Commandery in the jurisdiction shall be allowed their actual traveling expenses going and returning from their place of residence to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.—1889, page 26.

16. All Commanderies are requested to report their members alphabetically.—1890, page 30.

17. *Resolved, First*—Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day, are hereby set apart as days of special observance by the Commanderies and Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, and that they have authority to appear in public, in full Templar uniform, for the observance, by suitable ceremonies, of any one or all of the days herein mentioned, without special dispensation.

18. *Second*—Each Commandery commemorating any of these events with services appropriate to the day, shall do so within their respective Asylums, or in some church of Christian worship, where practicable. The Recorder thereof shall immediately thereafter report to the Grand Commander which of the days has been observed, the number of Sir Knights in attendance, and a brief description of the ceremonies.—1890, pages 35 and 36.

19. It is unlawful for a Sir Knight to represent any Subordinate Commandery in this Grand Commandery by proxy other than the one of which he was then a member. Unaffiliation would deprive the

Sir Knight of the right to represent by proxy the Commandery of which he was formerly a member.—1890, page 35.

20. "*Sir Knights belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction should not apply for dimits in order to sign a petition for dispensation, but they should pay dues to the time of the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and receipts therefor should accompany the petition. Sir Knights not belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction must present dimits with the petition for dispensation.*"—1891, page 21.

21. "For the purpose of settling the questions that have arisen as to the proper manner of executing the following sword movements, on which authorities disagree, and in order to secure a uniformity in this jurisdiction, with the approval of the Grand Captain-General, I courteously suggest the following, and request their adoption by the Commanderies until the next meeting of the Grand Commandery:

DRAW SWORDS.

"At the command *draw*, seize the scabbard with the left hand near the top, inclining it to the front, seize the grip firmly with the right hand and draw the blade until the right forearm is horizontal across the body, the back of the hand toward the breast.

"*Second Movement:* At the command SWORDS, draw the sword, fully extending the arm at an angle of forty-five degrees, the sword extended on the prolongation of the arm, edge down.

"*Third movement:* Turn the sword and bring it to the position of present.

"*Fourth movement:* Bring the back of the blade to the right shoulder, the blade nearly vertical, edge to the front, arm nearly extended, thumb and forefinger embracing the grip, the other fingers extended and joined in rear of the grip (position of carry swords).

SUPPORT SWORDS.

"At the command *swords*, carry the left hand to the right side near the shoulder, grasping the blade with the thumb and finger of the left hand a little below the shoulder.

"*Second movement:* With both hands carry the sword to the left side, the right hand firmly grasping the grip near the end, edge of blade to the front, right arm horizontal across the body.

"*Third movement:* Fold the left arm over the right, fingers embracing the right arm near elbow, the guard resting on the forearm, the blade vertical, edge to the front."—B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 29.

22. That the instructions of the Grand Commander in regard to the manual of the sword be approved.—*Adopted, June, 1892, page 33.*

23. WHEREAS, We believe that the annual meetings of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, in General Conclave, will greatly enhance the interests and benefits of our order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all Commanderies holding charters or dispensations under this Grand Commandery are hereby cordially invited and earnestly requested to attend the Annual Conclaves of this Grand Commandery, and that all Sir Knights, members of such Commanderies, are requested to attend such Conclaves in full Templar uniform.—*Sept., 1892, page 24.*

24. Whenever any Sir Knight who has served as Eminent Commander in any other jurisdiction, wishes to become a member of this Grand Commandery, under the provisions of Subdivision 4 of Section 26, Article XI of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, he shall present a petition, signed by himself, which shall be substantially in the following form:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado:

I would respectfully apply for membership in this Grand Commandery by virtue of having been Commander of.....
Commandery No....., located at....., under the jurisdiction
of the Grand Commandery of....., and having
changed my membership to.....Commandery No.....,
located at....., Colorado, a Commandery working under
the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,

(Signed)

He shall also file with the Grand Recorder a certificate, under seal of the Grand Commandery of which he was formerly a member, setting forth the fact of such membership, also a certificate under seal of the Commandery within this jurisdiction of which at the time of making such application he is a member, setting forth the fact of such membership.

After reference to and report thereon by an appropriate committee, this Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein.—*Sept., 1892, page 21.*

25. The Grand Commandery requests each Subordinate Commandery to perfect themselves in Grant's Tactics, to be able to compete at the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery for the trophy which this Grand Commandery has already provided.—*1893, page 31.*

26. Upon the receipt of the Ritual, the Grand Recorder, under the direction of the Grand Commander, will distribute the same to the Subordinate Commanderies, with proper rules and instructions

for the preservation and delivery of same to succeeding officers, and that the Commanderies be requested to use the new Ritual at once; but in any event all the Subordinate Commanderies must be prepared to use the same on and after the first day of January next, as required by the action of the Grand Encampment.—1893, *page 31*.

DECISIONS

NOW IN FORCE, AS APPROVED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

1. Only those who joined in the petition for dispensation, and those who received the orders in the Commandery, compose a Commandery Under Dispensation. New members, other than those who received the orders in the Commandery, can not be received by a Commandery while Under Dispensation.—*H. M. Orahood, 1880, page 6.*

2. The Recorder should only receive money or its equivalent, and at once deposit it with the Treasurer, and no money should be withdrawn from the Treasurer's hands except by order of the Commandery or E. C., when properly authorized.—*M. Spangler, 1882, page 7.*

3. The Eminent Commander of a Commandery stated by letter that Sir . . . , J. W., had removed from the State, and desired a dimit, but that he did not see how it could be granted. I wrote him to grant the dimit if the Sir Knight was in good standing and his dues were paid.

4. A Commandery U. D. can perform only such acts as are defined in the dispensation, *i. e.*: to meet as a Commandery and to confer the orders of Knighthood. They can not admit unaffiliated Knights to membership while under dispensation.

5. The Commander of the Mt. of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, applied, under date of July 5, 1883, for the privilege to act upon a petition for membership prior to the expiration of the required six months from the date of the former rejection of same applicant, on the ground that the member who had cast the only black ball at the previous ballot, dimitted, and the applicant desired to visit San Francisco as a Knight, in August. I decided that the rejection of the applicant was perfectly legal, and there was no good reason why he should not wait the usual period.—*M. H. Fitch, 1883, page 5.*

To the last decision the Grand Commandery adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which said:

This decision is approved and heartily recommended for the guidance of Grand Commanders in similar cases in future.—*1883, page 10.*

6. My correspondence in the nature of advice and instruction to Sir Knights engaged in the starting of new Commanderies, has been somewhat extensive, and I report some of the features, which may appear trivial to you, for the instruction of such as are not so well informed, and may desire to inaugurate new Commanderies hereafter.

7. Sir Knights engaged in the inauguration of new Commanderies should first of all obtain from the Grand Recorder a copy of the last proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and a copy of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

8. Applications should show from whence the applicants hail.

9. A recommendation of a petition, though of a general character and not specific according to the formula, should be understood as covering all points that are essential for the Grand Commander to know.

10. All papers essential for a dispensation become part of the permanent records of the Grand Recorder's office, and mutilated papers therefore can not be accepted.

11. Promises to forward essential papers at some future period after the issuance of dispensation are useless. The papers must be supplied in advance.

12. Labored assertions to the Grand Commander that applications are correct and ought to be satisfactory, should be avoided as superfluous and bordering on impertinence.

13. Petitions must be indorsed by the nearest Commandery, and not necessarily by the most convenient.

14. The officers of a Commandery under dispensation can not be installed, but, on receipt of their authority, assemble the Sir Knights, read the same, open a Commandery and proceed to work.

15. The Grand Commander can not take five or six Sir Knights to visit a neighboring town, there open a Commandery and make enough Knights to apply for a dispensation, and no Grand Commander would do so if he could.

16. All signers to the application for dispensation, and all Knighted in that Commandery, have the right to vote on petitions in a Commandery under dispensation.

17. The three principal officers of a Commandery under dispensation, as such, can not form and open a Commandery for the transaction of business as three Sir Knights hailing from three different Commanderies, under the sanction of a warrant from some Grand Commandery.

18. *Question*.—"Can a non-affiliate in Lodge and Chapter receive the orders in Colorado?" *Answer in full*.—"The Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States declares it unnecessary for an applicant for the orders to be a member of Lodge or Chapter; yet another section declares that expulsion or suspension from his Masonic rights by Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. The Grand Lodge of Colorado has a law that all non-affiliates not making application for membership within twelve months shall be deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry. A Grand Master's ruling on this has been approved by Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge, that the penalty for non-affiliation can be inflicted only after charges and trial. There is, therefore, no law to prevent the orders being conferred on a non-affiliated Master and Royal Arch Mason. Yet, if such person has been a non-affiliated Master for twelve months, he is every day living in opposition to a Grand Lodge law, for which he is liable at any moment to be placed under charges and convicted; in which event he would be deprived of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. Therefore, while the non-affiliate is eligible for the orders if not deprived of his Masonic rights, it is certainly not prudent to confer them upon him during existing Grand Lodge laws."—*R. W. Woodbury, 1884, pages 6 to 9.*

19. A member can not interpose an objection to the conferring of the Order in the midst of the ceremony, for reasons that existed prior to the initial steps.—*J. P. Maxwell, 1885, page 10.*

20. The E. C. of No. 16 asked how his Commandery should proceed to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon a candidate elected to receive them in No. 8?

I replied:

There are two methods:

First—Upon request of No. 8, in which event all fees would belong to No. 8, and to which the candidate would regularly belong when created, and to become a member of No. 16 it would be necessary for him to dimit from No. 8 and join by affiliation. In that case a dispensation from the Grand Commander empowering No. 16 to confer the Orders would be necessary before you could proceed. (See Title 44, Section 1, of Code of Grand Encampment.)

Second—Upon a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of No. 16 by No. 8, granted by unanimous vote, and a petition in due form presented to your Commandery, accompanied by such waiver, which petition would take the same course as other petitions for the Orders, and

when created the candidate would be a member of No. 16. The fee paid No. 8 at the time of making the application for the Orders, would in this case belong to that Commandery.—*J. H. Peabody, 1890, page 18.*

21. A by-law providing for a summary suspension of members without previous trial and conviction, is in violation of the Code of Statutes and of a well known general principle of law.

22. A petition was received unaccompanied by the fee, but the payment was guaranteed; the fee was paid before ballot. I decided that the petition was regularly before the Commandery.

23. A Commandery desiring to celebrate any of the Templar festivals on any other than the regular festival days, would require a dispensation to enable them to do so.—*B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 24.*

24. A petition that stated that affiant "had not made previous application *here*" is insufficient, as it does not contain the information required by Section 1 of Title XLV of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and that it could be ordered laid on the table or returned to the petitioner, as might be thought best.

25. It is immaterial whether the application for waiver be made by the applicant or by the Commandery; the better course would be for the applicant to secure the waiver himself, and attach it to the petition.—*B. L. Carr, September, 1892, page 8.*

UNIFORM.

The Uniform of a Knight Templar, as adopted and prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Colorado at the Annual Conclave in 1888.

FULL DRESS.

Black frock coat, black pantaloons, sword, belt, shoulder straps, gloves, gauntlets and chapeau.

COAT.

The coat shall be of black broadcloth, single-breasted, the skirts to extend from two-thirds to three-fourths the distance from the hip joint to the bend of the knee.

There shall be a row of nine flat, black cloth buttons on the breast, equal in distance one from the other, four buttons on the back and skirt, two at the hip and one at the lower end of each side edge; two smaller buttons of the same kind on the lower seam at the wrist.

The side edges to extend two-thirds the length of the skirt.

A stand-up collar, of the same material as the coat, not less than one or more than one and one-half inches in height, square corners in front and slope up and backwards slightly.

The edges plain, the lining black.

An appropriate cross may be worn on the outside of the cuff.

It is not intended to make the wearing of the regulation coat obligatory. A frock coat of black cloth in the usual style may be worn. But Sir Knights hereafter procuring uniforms shall conform to the foregoing requirements.

PANTALOONS.

Of black broadcloth or doe-skin.

SWORD.

To be thirty-four to forty inches long, inclusive of scabbard; helmet head, cross handle and metal scabbard, with cross of proper grade one inch in height.

a. For Sir Knights: White metal scabbard suspended by three white metal rings; hilt black, ornamented with Passion Cross.

b. Eminent and Past Eminent Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated, with Passion Cross on white ivory hilt.

c. Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated, Templar Cross on white ivory hilt.

d. The hilt may have the owner's monogram on one side.

BELT.

Red enameled or patent leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, fastened around the body with a clasp.

a. For Sir Knights: Color, vermillion red; the belt to be stitched in double rows with white silk; clasp of white metal, plain, oval shaped, with Passion Cross on face of clasp.

(N. B.—Commanderies may have name and number on face of clasp, providing all members wear the same.)

Two short barrel chains of white metal, to support the sword, and a third chain to extend from left button on back of coat to lower ring of scabbard; chain supported by metal slides from the belt, with a hook on which to hang the sword at the belt on the front side.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above, with gilt clasp, one strip of gold lace in center of belt, half inch wide, and gilt chains for carrying sword.

c. Officers of Grand Commandery, so long as they remain in office: Same as above, except a Templar Cross on belt clasp, and two strips of gold lace, one-quarter of an inch wide, on upper and lower edge of belt.

d. Past Grand Commanders: Same as above, except three strips of gold lace, one-quarter of an inch wide, proportionately divided.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

To be such as are set forth and described in the edict of 1862, and subsequent amendments of the Grand Encampment, and can be worn only by officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders, Past Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General.

INSIGNIA OF OFFICE.

As the statutes of the Grand Encampment forbid the use of shoulder straps by any officer of a Commandery, under the rank of Captain General, it is hereby ordered that such subordinate officers be entitled to wear an embroidery in silver on both sleeves, between the elbow and shoulder, designating the office they respectively bear. Said embroidery to be two inches square.

The wearing of jewels, coats of arms, or badges of any kind other than those strictly Masonic, is prohibited in any public display of the Order.

GLOVES.

Shall be of buff lisle thread.

CHAPEAU.

a. For Sir Knights: The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, two black and one white ostrich plumes; red velvet Passion Cross, on left side, in black satin rosette. The front and rear peaks of chapeau to be extended four and one-fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at head.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: The same, except gold Passion Cross and rays.

c. Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders: Same, with embroidered gold Templar Cross in red velvet.

CAP.

For Commanders, Past Commanders and officers of the Grand Commandery: To be of black cloth, three inches in height, with straight visor and rounded points; around the base of the cap to be a band of gold lace, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side a gold button, fastening a double gold cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond with the cross on the chapeau.

For Sir Knights and officers below the rank of Commander: To be of the same style and material as that worn by a Commander; the gold band to be omitted, and in place of same to be a band of black silk webbing, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side to be a silver button, fastening a double silver cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond to the cross on the chapeau.

All caps to have glazed covers for service in stormy weather.

CROSSES.

Sir Knights, Commanders and Past Commanders of subordinate Commanderies will wear the Passion Cross.

Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders, the Templar Cross.

On the side of the chapeau, to be three inches in height; on the sword, one inch; on the gauntlet, two inches.—1888, page 18.

Resolved, That all the Commanderies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, which are now fully equipped with ivory hilted swords, may continue their use in the equipment of newly made Knights, but that the newly Knighted of Commanderies which are not so equipped, and all those Knighted in new Commanderies, shall conform strictly in all its particulars to the statutes of this Grand Commandery entitled "Uniform," as adopted at the Annual Conclave in 1888.—1890, page 29.

FORMS.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

*To the Right Eminent Sir.....,
Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:*

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and, that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at..... and to be known as..... Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir..... to be the first Commander; Sir..... to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir..... to be the first Captain-General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at....., in the county of....., and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of the R. E. Grand Commander, the statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the Order.

Date.....

~~and~~ The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order, and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.00.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of.....
Commandery No....., Knights Templar, stationed at.....
Colorado:*

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M. in..... Lodge No..... and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A., in..... Chapter No....., and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is

Residence..... Occupation.....

Dated at Colo., A. D. 18....

We recommend Companion..... to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

(The candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information save that he has been rejected.)—*See Standing Order 7.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report.....

....., Colo., A. D. 18...., A. O.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of.....
 Commandery No....., Knights Templar, stationed at.....
 Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar and late a member of..... Commandery No....., stationed at..... as appears by my demit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is

Residence..... Occupation.....

..... Colo., A. D. 18...., A. O. 77....

We recommend Sir..... to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE.
DECISIONS.
RESOLUTIONS.
FORM FOR TEMPLAR TRIAL.

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT IN 1892.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 5, Title XLII, is amended as follows:

"No one shall be eligible to office in a Grand Commandery, except Grand Prelate or Captain of Guard, unless he is a member thereof in his own right, and a member in good standing of a Subordinate Commandery under the same jurisdiction."

Section 1, Title LVII, is amended as follows:

"One who has filled by election and a term of service the office of Grand Master, Grand Commander or Commander, retains the rank and title with the word 'Past' prefixed, as Past Commander, Past Grand Commander, Past Grand Master; no other past officers retain their official title."

DECISIONS.

1. A member of a Commandery is suspended by Lodge and Chapter for the non-payment of dues in those bodies, but he subsequently pays all arrearages before any notice to the Commandery, and becomes thereby in good standing. He applies for membership in Lodge and Chapter and is refused; while thus unaffiliated, he cannot be debarred membership in the Commandery, never having lost his membership in the Commandery, while suspended in Lodge and Chapter, by any action of the Commandery. After he has removed the cause of his suspension, nothing remains for which he will be disciplined in the Commandery. He is unaffiliated with Lodge and Chapter, which does not *ipso facto* interfere with his membership in the Commandery. The refusal to admit him to membership in Lodge and Chapter, after restoration to good standing, is a right inherent in those bodies, but in no sense interferes with his Commandery relations.

2. There is no legislation authorizing the release from the payment of all dues on the part of a Subordinate Commandery, based upon any length of membership. Section 8, Title XIX, authorizes it to be done upon the payment of a fixed sum of money, and this seems to be the correct method.

3. A Knight Templar petitioning for membership by dimit, if rejected, can apply to the same Commandery at the next regular Conclave; but notice should be given to each member of the Commandery, of the time when the ballot is to be had. In the absence of express law upon this subject, I base my decision upon general Masonic custom, than which there is no rule more explicitly expressed in the Ancient Constitution than that every Mason should belong to a Lodge.

4. By definite suspension is meant a deprivation of the rights and privileges of Masonry for a fixed period of time, which period in this case is one year. During this period his rights are placed in abeyance. Restoration consists in either abridging the period of suspension by vote of Commandery, and restoring the party before the term of sentence has expired, or in the usual mode which results from the natural expiration of the period fixed by the sentence. Thus in the case stated the sentence terminates at a definite period, after the expiration of which he takes his place, restored to all his rights, without any action taken on the part of the Commandery.

5. There is nothing in Masonic or Templar law limiting the jurisdiction of the bodies applied to, over their rejected candidates. The applicant who presents his petition to a Masonic body becomes the property of that body, so far as the control of his admission into the order is concerned. If he removes from that jurisdiction, and becomes subject to another, his petition there, if presented, must state the fact of his previous action. A waiver of jurisdiction can, of course, be given or refused, under the law. It may work a hardship to worthy applicants at times, but the fact remains that from the earliest period of Masonic history this right has been claimed and maintained. Also, that all voting upon the petitions of applicants must be by ballot, and all ballots are secret.

6. Does the Generalissimo in succeeding by right to the office of Eminent Commander to fill a vacancy, entitle him to the rank, and at the close of the present term is he entitled to the rank of Past Commander?

The Generalissimo, although serving in the principal chair, not having been elected or installed as Eminent Commander, would only be a Past Generalissimo, and would not be entitled to the honors of a Past Commander.

7. There can be no combination of circumstances such as would justify the fixing of the Sabbath as a regular meeting day. It would not be approved by any Grand body, and no special meeting for the purpose of work upon the Sabbath should be permitted. As defenders of the Christian religion, our duty requires us to observe the ordinances thereof in every possible manner.

8. Affiliation is a matter wholly between the applicant and the Commandery. A Knight Templar created in a foreign jurisdiction, and who has not received the Order of the Red Cross, may at his examination take the vow and have the Order communicated to him, and thereafter may be admitted to the Asylum. Title XXV, Code. This being established law as to visitors, the same principle would apply to applicants for affiliation.

9. In the Order of the Temple, the Prelate is distinctly recognized as one of the officers to be elected or appointed by the Commander, and special duties assigned him. I can find nothing in the law or usage, authorizing the installation of more than one in a Commandery.

14. By-Laws can only be enacted by a commandery duly constituted. If such had been passed upon prior to the Constitution, *i. e.*, while under dispensation, it is necessary to re-enact them, or, more properly speaking, enact them after the Commandery has been constituted. They are not valid unless this is done. Grand bodies alone possess the power to approve By-Laws under our Code. The

Grand Master or a Grand Commander must see that they do not conflict with the Constitution or Code, and can make such suggestions as will cause a compliance therewith. All amendments to By-Laws, or new ones, should be submitted to the Grand Master or Grand Commander for examination to this end.

15. The Code is explicit in deciding that a Templar, by merely becoming non-affiliate in Lodge or Chapter does not lose his standing in the Commandery.—*Title XLI.*

24. Your Committee cannot agree with the conclusions of the Grand Master. We believe the law to be that a Grand Commander has no power to heal one illegally or irregularly knighted. Healing can only take place in pursuance of the action of the proper Grand Commandery, and such action must be based upon the unanimous request of the Commandery in which the orders were illegally or improperly conferred.

25. That "an application to the Grand Commander for a dispensation to form a new Commandery must have the endorsement of the nearest Commandery in the same jurisdiction. But a Grand Commandery can grant a dispensation or charter to form a new Commandery without the approval of the nearest Commandery."

27. A Grand Commander, refusing a dispensation to set aside a by-law of a Subordinate Commandery, was sustained, and his decision announced as correct. A Commandery having failed to elect officers at the time designated by the by-law, the Grand Commander has authority to grant a dispensation to hold an election at a subsequent meeting. Such election must be held upon a regular night, and upon the notice, giving the fact properly stated, in order that each member might be properly informed.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

ON RITUALS.

LLOYD, of California.—

Resolved, That the Ritual of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross be and the same is hereby adopted as the Ritual of said Order.

Resolved, That the Ritual of the Order of Knights Templar, as reported by the Committee on Rituals be and the same is hereby adopted as the Ritual of said Order.

McGOWN, of New York.—

Resolved, That the Rituals of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, this day adopted, be and are hereby declared to be the only Rituals of the Grand Encampment of the United States, for those Orders. They may be used as soon as lawfully promulgated; and after the 1st day of January, A. D. 1894, no other Rituals for these Orders shall be used within the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment.

CONNOR, of Tennessee.—

Resolved, There shall be deposited in the Archives of this Grand Encampment a standard copy of the Rituals, adopted as aforesaid, which shall be safely kept by the keeper of the Archives, and not subject to examination save by written permission of the Grand Master.

Resolved, There shall also be prepared for the use of the M. E. Grand Master of this Grand Encampment, and his successors in office, a full copy of the Rituals, adopted as aforesaid, which shall be an exact duplicate of the Standard deposited in the Archives. The Grand Master shall transmit said copy to his successor.

SMITH, of Illinois, on behalf of Committee.—

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Rituals of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, adopted at this Triennial Conclave, be prepared in abbreviated or cypher form, to supply each Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment and of the Grand Commanderies of the United States with one copy, and four copies for the use of the officers of each Grand Commandery, and that a sufficient surplus be also provided to be held by the Grand Recorder to supply new Commanderies that may be created, and to replace

destroyed or worn-out copies; said Rituals to be distributed under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Master.

Each Grand Commandery shall be furnished with one full copy of said Rituals, to be held in the Archives of such body, subject to the order of the Grand Encampment.

All Rituals to be the property of the Grand Encampment, to be held by those to whom issued only so long as they remain in office, and to be by them delivered to their successors at the time of their installation.

Receipts shall be taken from each person to whom a copy of the Rituals is issued, conditioned that it shall be delivered to his successor, or returned to the Grand Encampment. The Recorder of the Grand Encampment, and the Recorders of the several Grand Commanderies, shall each keep a record of the names of persons to whom copies of the Rituals may be issued, together with the date of issue.

That the preparation of said Rituals be entrusted to the chairman of the Ritual Committee and the members of the Sub-Committee on Rituals present at this Conclave, viz: R. E. Sirs Joseph A. Locke, George C. Connor, William O. Gould, John C. Smith, Charles H. Fisk and George McGown, and that the Committee shall, through its chairman, certify all bills incurred in the preparation of said Rituals to the Grand Master, who is authorized to order their payment.

When said Rituals have been completed, all of the copies shall be delivered to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, to be disposed of or held by him for future issue, as herein provided.

CONNOR, of Tennessee.—

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder require all the Subordinate Commanderies of this Grand Encampment to return to him all Rituals, copies of Essentials and Keys, and that the Grand Recorder destroy the same on receipt thereof.

Resolved, That the Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies be required to call in from the Subordinate Commanderies all Rituals, copies of Essentials and Keys that have been issued to them; also, from all officers, Rituals, etc., in their possession; that said Grand Recorders be required to destroy, in person, said Rituals, and report the names and numbers of the Rituals, Essentials and Keys so destroyed, and the dates on which they destroyed the same, to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Encampment.

Resolved, That these Rituals, etc., as aforesaid, will be called in immediately after the promulgation of the Rituals adopted at this session of the Grand Encampment.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

McGown, of New York.—

Amend the Edict of 1862, in regard to the insignia of rank of officers, so it shall read :

For the officers and Past Grand officers of a Grand Commandery (except Past Grand Commanders) BRIGHT RED silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery of gold a quarter of an inch wide, the **TEMPLAR'S CROSS OF GOLD**, with the initials of the office, respectively, to be embroidered [OLD ENGLISH CHARACTERS] in silver on the lower end of the strap. For Past Grand Commanders, the same as above, except that the color of the shoulder straps shall be **ROYAL PURPLE**, and the lettering OMITTED.

For the Commanders of a Subordinate Commandery, **EMERALD GREEN** silk velvet, one and a half inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery of gold a quarter of an inch wide—the **PASSION CROSS**, with a halo embroidered of silver, in the center. For a Past Commander, the same as for Commanders, except that the color of the strap shall be **BRIGHT RED**.

CHRISTMAS TOAST.

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment approves and gives its official sanction to the observance of Christmas Day by Knights Templar, either in their individual capacity or as Commanderies, and that annually there be a Christmas toast and response prepared and transmitted to all Grand and Constituent Commanderies owing allegiance to the Grand Encampment.

While life and strength remain to him, the management of the matter could not be in better hands than those of the beloved frater to whom the credit is due of originating the beautiful idea, and we, therefore, further recommend that he be charged with the duty of preparing the "sentiment" annually during the pleasure of the Grand Encampment, and that the expense thereof be paid on the order of the Grand Master.

WEARING INSIGNIA NOT MASONIC, PROHIBITED.

Resolved, That it is hereby enacted by this Grand Encampment, that hereafter it shall be unlawful for any Knight Templar within the jurisdiction of and who is subordinate to this Grand Encampment to wear any insignia, badge or uniform belonging to any other than a regularly recognized Masonic or Templar body at the same time as wearing the Templar Uniform and insignia, and while attending the Conclaves or Assemblies of any body of Templars, or on public occasions when they appear in uniform.

The following, occasioned by the fruits of spurious Scottish Rite Masonry, was adopted:

POWER OF GRAND LODGES.

We are of opinion that Grand Lodges have full power to determine, each for itself, the legitimacy of any bodies claiming to be Masonic, and to determine the status of those who may belong to such organizations; and we are further of opinion that whenever Grand Lodges shall act in this regard, the Commanderies in each Grand Lodge Jurisdiction are bound and must be governed by such Grand Lodge action, and abide thereby without any legislation on the part of Commandery or Grand Commandery. Any legislation by Grand Commanderies on such matters after action by Grand Lodges is unnecessary; and, therefore, there existed no necessity for the adoption of said resolution by the Grand Commandery, and the same was superfluous, the Grand Lodge having acted in the matter.

ORDERS CONFERRED.

Resolved, That the orders of Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta shall be conferred upon all candidates before they shall be permitted to sign the by-laws or become members of the Commandery.

FORMS FOR TEMPLAR TRIALS.

HOW CONDUCTED.

Trials of Sir Knights must be in open Commandery; and the Eminent Commander presides and decides all questions of law and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence. Trials: Where had—who presides.

When a trial takes place in the Grand Commandery, the R. E. Grand Commander presides; when in the Grand Encampment, the M. E. Grand Master presides; and these officers, in such cases, decide all questions of law and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence. Trials in Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment—who presides.

The taking of the testimony may be in open Commandery at the time of the trial, or by a committee appointed for the purpose, whose report is submitted to the Commandery at or before the time of the trial. Testimony: How given.

The jurisdiction of a Commandery in penal cases extends to all "non-affiliated" Knights within its territorial jurisdiction, as well as over members of the Commandery.

CHARGE.

To the Eminent Commander and Knights of
Commandery No. ..., Knights Templar:

Sir A. B., a Knight Templar and member of this Commandery, is hereby charged with immoral and unknighly conduct. Form of charge.

Specification I. That the said A. B., on the ... day of ..., 18.., at, in the County of, State of, did in violation of his knightly vows, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Orders of Knighthood.

C. D.
....., 18....

This form must be varied according to the facts of each particular case. Additional specifications should be inserted as the circumstances require. It is of importance, and in some instances absolutely necessary, that the time, place and circumstances constituting the offense should be given with precision and accuracy. Directions by compilers.

The foregoing form may be used in all that class of cases which may be investigated by Subordinate Commanderies.

The charge must be preferred by an affiliated Knight Templar, and when presented, which must be done in open Commandery, the question is upon its reception, which being agreed to, it then devolves upon the Commandery to fix the time for the accused to appear before the Commandery and answer thereto. A summons is then issued, requiring the accused to appear at the time specified and answer the charge. This summons, together with a copy of the charge and specifications, shall be served on the accused by the Recorder, or some Knight Templar in good standing designated for that purpose.

If the accused evades service, or absconds, or is absent from the territorial jurisdiction of the Commandery, the summons should be served by leaving a copy at his last place of residence, or by mailing a copy to the accused, at his last known postoffice. This course shall be pursued as to all notices to which the accused is entitled during the proceedings. However, when it can be done, personal service must be had in all cases.

SUMMONS.

----- COMMANDERY, No. ---, }
 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
 -----, 18----- }

SIR A----- B-----:

Summons to
 accused—form
 of.

You are hereby summoned to attend a Conclave of this Commandery, to be holden at its Asylum on the ----- day of -----, 18-----, at ---- o'clock ---- M., to make answer to a charge and specifications preferred against you at a Conclave of said Commandery holden on the ----- day of -----, 18-----. A copy of said charge and specifications is hereto attached.

[L. S.]

Eminent Commander.

Attest: -----, *Recorder.*

Further di-
 rections.

At the time named in the summons, the charge and specifications must be read in open Commandery, and the accused, either in person or by counsel, may file objections, in writing, to the jurisdiction of the Commandery, to the defective nature of the specifications, or others of like character, as may be thought proper. These objections will be at once acted upon and such orders made in relation thereto as may be proper. If overruled, the accused must then file his answer in writing. If he pleads guilty, the Commandery should proceed to fix the penalty, as

herein required. If the plea is "not guilty," the Commandery must then determine whether the testimony shall be heard in open Commandery, or taken by a committee appointed for that purpose. When this is determined, the facts should be stated on the records of the Commandery.

If the accused fails to appear, the Commandery may appoint some Knight Templar, in good standing, as counsel to conduct his defense, and then proceed with the investigation as if a plea of not guilty had been filed; or it may proceed against the accused, for contempt in not obeying the summons.

ANSWER.

A..... B....., in person, denies the charge preferred against him by Sir C..... D....., and every matter and thing contained in the several specifications of the same, and demands trial thereon.

Answer—
form of.

.....18..

A..... B.....

The answer will vary, of course, according to the facts. One specification may be admitted and another denied, or all of them may be admitted, and matters set up in extenuation or excuse, in which event the testimony will be confined to the matters thus set up.

Directions.

If the testimony is to be heard in open Commandery, a time should be designated therefor; if before a Committee, it should be at once appointed, and either party may object to any member thereof, stating his reasons therefor to the Eminent Commander, who may, in his discretion, make another appointment.

The Recorder of the Commandery must then serve the accused, in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, with notice, in substance as follows.

NOTICE.

SIR A..... B.....:

A charge and specifications having been preferred against you at a Conclave of Commandery No. ..., Knights Templar, and you having made answer thereto, said Commandery will proceed to hear the testimony and act upon said charge and specifications, at a Conclave thereof, to be holden at its Asylum, on the day of18.., ato'clock... M.; (or, a committee, consisting of Sir E.....F....., Sir G.....H....., and Sir I.....J....., has been appointed to take the testimony. Said Committee will meet for that purpose

Notice—form
of.

at....., on the.....day of....., 18....., at.....o'clock,
.....M.)

....., 18.....

[L s.]

Recorder.

Directions.

A reasonable time should be given the accused to appear.

At the time and place named in the notice, the Committee should meet and organize by appointing one of its number Chairman, and also a Secretary, who need not necessarily be one of the Committee, but must be a Knight Templar.

The accuser and the accused are then admitted, with their counsel, if they have any. A Knight Templar, in good standing, may act as counsel, but none other. The charge and specifications are then to be read and the answer thereto.

The next step, unless the witnesses are in attendance at the request of the parties, is to issue, at the request of either party, process to secure the attendance of the witnesses. The Committee should fix the times of meeting, and meet at such times as will secure a prompt investigation, and at the same time not require such haste as may do injustice to any.

SUMMONS FOR WITNESSES.

To SIR.....

Summons for
witnesses.

You are hereby summoned and required to attend, as a witness before.....Commandery No....., Knights Templar, at a Conclave to be holden at its Asylum, on the.....day of.....18....., at.....o'clock.....M., (or before a committee of.....Commandery No....., Knights Templar, appointed to take testimony, at a meeting to be held by said committee, at....., on the.....day of.....18....., at.....o'clock.....M.) then and there to testify as to the charge and specifications against Sir A.....B....., and this you will in nowise omit.

....., 18.....

[L s.]

Eminent Commander.

Attest:

Recorder.

This may be made to answer for several witnesses, and can only be used for Knights Templar; others attend, if at

all, before a Committee, and at their option. This summons may be served by furnishing a copy to each of the witnesses, or may be read over to the witnesses by some Knight Templar, in good standing, appointed by the Eminent Commander for the purpose.

Directions.

The examination of witnesses, one at a time, will next follow, first in behalf of the prosecution, and then for the defense. The questions asked, and the answers given by the witnesses, are to be written down *verbatim*; first the direct, and then the cross-examination; and when the deposition is concluded, it should be read over to the witness and signed by him.

Knights Templar, in good standing, give their testimony under the sanction of their vows. Others give their testimony upon their pledge of honor, as judicial oaths cannot be administered in such proceedings.

No proof is competent, except that which tends to prove or disprove the charge; nothing but the offense set out in the specifications is to be proved or attempted. Hearsay evidence cannot be admitted. Witnesses must speak from their own knowledge, or not at all.

The object of a trial being to ascertain the exact truth in regard to the charge preferred, no mere technicality should be permitted to influence the decision.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

IN THE MATTER OF {
SIR A..... B..... }

The Committee appointed to take testimony on the charge and specifications preferred against Sir A..... B....., a copy of which is herewith submitted, marked A, assembled at....., on the day of....., 18.., pursuant to appointment.

Report of
Committee to
take testimony

Present: Sir E..... F....., Sir G..... H..... and Sir I..... J....., committee; and also, Sir A..... B....., the accused; Sir, the accuser; and Sir, Sir and Sir

Sir E..... F..... was requested to act as chairman of the committee, and Sir as secretary.

The charge and specifications were then read, and the answer thereto.

At the request of the accuser, Sir, a Knight Templar in good standing, was admitted as counsel to assist in the prosecution.

At the request of the accused, Sir, a Knight Templar in good standing, was admitted as counsel to assist him in his defense.

For the prosecution, the following witnesses were examined: Sir, Sir and Their depositions are herewith submitted, marked B, C and D.

For the defense, the following witnesses were examined: Sir, Sir and Their depositions are herewith submitted, marked E, F and G.

The questions raised upon the admissibility of evidence are noted in the depositions.

The testimony being closed, the committee notified the parties that its report would be submitted to Commandery No., Knights Templar, at a Conclave thereof to be holden on the day of, 18.., which is accordingly done.

Courteously submitted,

..... 18... E..... F....., *Chairman.*

G..... H.....,

Attest: I J.....,

Committee.

.....
Secretary.

Directions.

It is at the option of the committee whether it will admit any one to be present other than the parties, their counsel and the witnesses testifying. However, none but Knights Templar in good standing should be admitted, except witnesses not Knights Templar, and while they are testifying.

When the report is presented, the Commandery should determine whether it will at that time proceed with the trial, or whether the same shall be postponed at the request of either party, for cause shown, or for any other sufficient reason. A trial should not be had at any Conclave unless all the resident members have been summoned to attend.

When the trial takes place the report of the committee and all the accompanying documents should be read. The parties concerned, or their counsel, may then comment thereon, if they so desire. The accused must then retire, and the accuser must also retire, unless the charge has been preferred by him in the discharge of a duty imposed by the Commandery upon him as an officer or committee-man thereof.

The Commandery then proceeds to consider the matter in the following manner:

"Is the charge sustained?" is the first question, and it should be taken on each specification, if there are more than one; and if decided in the affirmative as to any one or more of the specifications, the Commandery then proceeds, by vote, to determine what punishment shall be inflicted. This is done by putting the question:

Action of
Commandery
as to guilt and
punishment.

1. "Shall the accused be expelled?" If this is decided in the negative:

2. "Shall the accused be indefinitely suspended?" If this is decided in the negative:

3. "Shall the accused be definitely suspended?" If this is decided in the affirmative, then, on motion, the time of suspension should be determined by vote; but if the question is decided in the negative:

4. "Shall the accused be reprimanded?" Which, of course, the other questions as to punishment having been negatived, will be decided in the affirmative, the charge having been sustained, and reprimand being the lightest punishment which can be inflicted. It would be error in a Commandery to sustain a charge and then refuse to inflict any punishment.

All questions arising in Templar trials shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, the presiding officer shall also give the casting vote. The vote is to be taken in such manner as the Commandery may at the time determine; however, the secret ballot, ball or paper, is preferable.

When the matter is disposed of by the Commandery, the Recorder should at once give notice thereof to the accused.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT.

To SIR A..... B.....:

Take notice that the foregoing is a copy of the action of Commandery No. ..., upon the charge preferred against you by Sir C..... D....., as the same appears upon the records of the Commandery., 18...

Notice to ac-
cused of result.

[L. S.]

Recorder.

An expelled or suspended Knight may appeal to the Grand Commandery. Notice of the appeal must be given within thirty days after service of the notice of judgment,

Appeal. who
may.

and the appeal, giving the grounds relied upon, must be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery within ten days thereafter, and a copy of the notice and appeal forwarded at once to the Grand Recorder.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To _____, Recorder of _____ Commandery
No. __, Knights Templar:

Notice of ap-
peal.

Take notice, that I shall bring an appeal from the action of said Commandery, on the _____ day of _____, 18.., in passing sentence of _____ upon me, to the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of _____, on the grounds to be stated in my appeal.
_____, 18... A..... B.....

APPEAL.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State
of _____:

Appeal to
Grand Com-
mandery.

The undersigned hereby appeals to you from the decision of _____ Commandery No. __, made on the _____ day of _____ 18.., in passing sentence of _____ on him, and he specifies the following as the grounds of his appeal:

1st. That.....

2d. That.....

_____, 18... A..... B.....

When the appeal is filed with the Recorder, the Commandery should cause an answer thereto to be prepared and furnished with the transcript.

ANSWER TO APPEAL.

Answer to
appeal.

_____ Commandery No. __, answers the appeal of A..... B....., and says:

1st. That.....

2d. That.....

_____, 18... ..

[L. S.]

Eminent Commander.

Attest:

_____ Recorder.

Transcript—
how made.

The Recorder of the Commandery, when an appeal is taken, must prepare a transcript of the proceedings had on the trial, and forward the same to the Grand Recorder previous to the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. In the preparation of a transcript, the Recorder should

be very careful to give fully and exactly all that transpired on the trial, giving full copies—never, unless ordered by the Commandery as to some particular document, sending up original papers. The transcript should be made in a plain, legible handwriting, and fastened at top of paper, and the Recorder should, under the seal of the Commandery, certify to the correctness of the transcript.

CERTIFICATE TO TRANSCRIPT.

I, _____, Recorder of _____ Commandery
No. __, Knights Templar, do certify that the foregoing is a Certificate to transcript.
full, true and perfect transcript of all the records and proceedings had by said Commandery upon the charge preferred by Sir C. _____ D. _____ against
Sir A. _____ B. _____, as the same
appears upon the records of said Commandery, and on file
in the archives thereof.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my
name, and affix the seal of said Commandery,
[L. S.] this the _____ day of _____, A. D.
18__., A. O. _____.

Recorder.

Eminent Commanders and Recorders should examine Directions.
with great care the Constitution, Edicts and Statutes of
the Grand Encampment, and the Statutes and Regulations
of the Grand Commanderies of their respective jurisdictions,
upon the subject of trials and appeals, and should
strictly conform thereto, varying the foregoing forms as the
circumstances and these requirements may demand.

APPEAL TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

A decision of a Grand Commandery is final, and no
appeal to the Grand Encampment can be taken *unless* the Appeal: when
to Grand Encampment.
decision involves a construction of the Constitution, Edicts
or Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

In cases of appeal thus allowed, Grand Recorders and
parties interested may, by varying the forms already given,
carry the matter up to the Grand Encampment for its consideration;
and the requirements prescribed as to the mode of appeal and the
preparation of the transcript in cases of an appeal to a Grand
Commandery, should be complied with in all essential particulars.

TRIALS BY COMMISSIONERS.

Trials by
Commission;
how and when.

When a charge is preferred against a Commandery or against an Eminent Commander, or an officer of the Grand Encampment or of a Grand Commandery, and in all cases over which the Grand Encampment or a Grand Commandery has original jurisdiction, the charge should be addressed to the M. E. Grand Master, or to the Grand Encampment, or to the R. E. Grand Commander, or to the Grand Commandery, as the case may be. When this is done, a Commission, consisting of three or more Past Grand Commanders, or Past Commanders, as the case may be, is appointed to take the testimony, and investigate and decide upon the charge and specifications, and also to determine what punishment ought to be inflicted. The report of the Commissions must be made to the power appointing them, and their action is final unless an appeal be taken to the officer or body appointing the Commission. If the appeal be taken to the R. E. Grand Commander, an appeal lies from his decision thereon to the Grand Commandery, and if to the M. E. Grand Master, an appeal lies to the Grand Encampment.

The forms already given must be pursued in such cases, with the variations required by the circumstances.

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GRAND COMMANDERY.

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GRAND LODGE, 1892-93.

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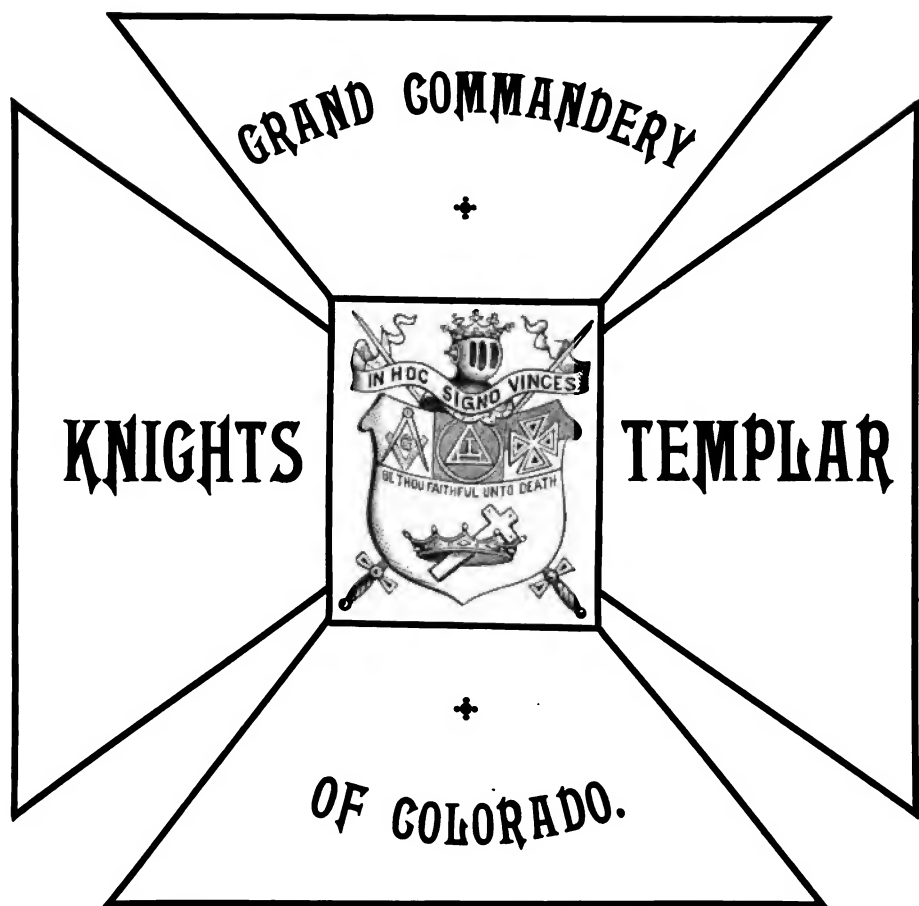
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GEORGE WYMAN, Denver.....	G. TREAS.
ED. C. PARMELEE, Masonic Temple, Denver.....	C. REC.
SILAS W. CHANEY, Denver.....	G. STANDARD B.
JOSEPH A. WOODBURY, Greeley.....	G. SWORD B.
JULIUS B. BISSELL, Denver.....	G. WARDER
THOMAS LINTON, Denver.....	G. C. OF GUARD

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY.....	Denver
JAMES H. PEABODY.....	Canon City
ALPHONSE A. BURNAND.....	Leadville

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD.....	Denver
JAMES B. SEVERY.....	Colorado Springs
JAMES L. MOREHEAD.....	Boulder

COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD.....	Denver
JAMES H. PEABODY.....	Canon City
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH.....	Pueblo
SILAS W. CHANEY.....	Denver
ED. C. PARMELEE.....	Denver

The Twentieth Annual will be held in Denver, Tuesday, June 4, 1895.

GRAND COMMANDERY

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF COLORADO.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, 1894.

DENVER, COLORADO, June 5, 1894.

The officers and members of the Grand Commandery assembled at the Brown Palace Hotel, whence they were escorted by Colorado Commandery No. 1 to their Asylum in the Masonic Temple, where the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in its Nineteenth Annual Conclave, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The following Sir Knights were present:

SIR ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY.....	R. E. G. C.
SIR WILLIAM D. TODD.....	V. E. D. G. C.
SIR WILLIAM W. ROWAN.....	E. G. G.
SIR EUGENE P. SHOVE.....	E. G. C. G.
SIR JOHN WALLIS OEL.....	as E. G. PRE.
SIR GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH.....	E. G. S. W.
SIR JOHN M. MAXWELL.....	E. G. J. W.
SIR GEORGE WYMAN.....	E. G. TREAS.
SIR ED. C. PARMELEE.....	E. G. REC.
SIR S. A. SHEPPERD.....	as E. G. STANDARD B.
SIR CHAS. A. LEE.....	as E. G. SWORD B.
SIR LAWRENCE M. MILLER.....	E. G. WARDEN.
SIR THOMAS LINTON.....	E. G. C. OF GUARD.

And representatives from twenty chartered Commanderies, all but Nos. 2, 13, 15 and 22.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

OPENED.

The Grand Commandery was opened in Knightly form by the R. E. Grand Commander.

CREDENTIALS.

SIR THE GRAND RECORDER,
SIR CHARLES A. LEE,
SIR WALTER L. DORLAND.

Were appointed as a Committee on Credentials.

The report of the Committee shows the following officers and members were present during the session:

GRAND OFFICERS.

ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY.....	G. C.
WILLIAM D. TODD	D. G. C.
WILLIAM W. ROWAN	G. G.
EUGENE P. SHOVE.....	G. C. G.
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH.....	G. S. W.
JOHN M. MAXWELL.....	G. J. W.
GEORGE WYMAN	G. TREAS.
ED. C. PARMELEE.....	G. REC.
LAWRENCE M. MILLER.....	G. WARDER.
THOMAS LINTON	G. C. OF GUARD.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,	IRVING W. STANTON.
HARPER M. ORAHOOD.	JAMES M. STRICKLER.
AARON GOVE.	GEORGE WYMAN (Grand Treas.)

BYRON L. CARR.

PAST GRAND GENERALISIMO.

CHARLES H. JACOBSON.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMANDERIES.

[Those present in *Italics*.]

COLORADO NO. 1, DENVER.

REPRESENTATIVES.

PROXIES.

<i>Sidney A. Shepperd</i>	E. C.
Edward G. Arnold	G.
<i>Westley J. Gibbs</i>	C. G.

Sidney A. Shepperd.

CENTRAL CITY NO. 2, CENTRAL CITY.

Not represented.

PUEBLO NO. 3, PUEBLO.

<i>Frank M. Dunbaugh</i>	E. C.
<i>Walter L. Dorland</i>	G.
Julius D. Brown	C. G.

I. W. Stanton.

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GEORGETOWN No. 4, GEORGETOWN.		
REPRESENTATIVES.		PROXIES.
Wm. E. Barton	E. C.	Charles H. Jacobson.
Warren M. Fletcher	G.	Charles H. Jacobson.
Jesse M. Copeland	C. G.	Charles H. Jacobson.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS No. 5, LEADVILLE.		
Charles Cavender	E. C.	
Geo. P. Brown	G.	
David LaSalle	C. G.	

PIKE'S PEAK No. 6, COLORADO SPRINGS.		
James B. Severy	E. C.	
Wm. H. Reid	G.	Ernest M. Lotz.
John A. Himebaugh	C. G.	James B. Severy.

MOUNT SINAI No. 7, BOULDER.		
James L. Moorehead	E. C.	
Geo. F. Fonda	G.	
F. L. Williamson	C. G.	Geo. F. Fonda.

GUNNISON No. 8, GUNNISON.		
John A. Steele	E. C.	Eugene P. Shove.
John E. Brothers	G.	Eugene P. Shove.
Michael Monahan	C. G.	Eugene P. Shove.

CANON CITY No. 9, CANON CITY.		
Joseph W. Milson	E. C.	
Wm. H. Trout	G.	
Thomas H. Craven	C. G.	

GREELEY No. 10, GREELEY.		
Francis L. Childs	E. C.	
Sharon Atkinson	G.	
Wm. Mayhew	C. G.	

IVANHOE No. 11, DURANGO.		
Frank H. Young	E. C.	Hiram Bullis,
Peter L. Hanson	G.	Jethro C. Sanford.
Jethro C. Sanford	C. G.	

LONG'S PEAK No. 12, LONGMONT.		
M. J. Wilson	E. C.	
Ira L. Herron	G.	Willis A. Warner.
Franklin P. Secor	C. G.	

DeMOLAY No. 13, FORT COLLINS.		
Not represented.		

ASPEN MOUNTAIN No. 14, ASPEN.		
John M. Dills	E. C.	Jason E. Freeman.
Geo. C. Vickery	G.	Jason E. Freeman.
Walter S. Clark	C. G.	Jason E. Freeman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE No. 15, ALAMOSA.

Not represented.

OURAY No. 16, OURAY.

REPRESENTATIVES.

PROXIES.

Ralph Williams	E. C.	Wm. A. Hinsey.
Walter F. Wheeler	G.	Wm. A. Hinsey.
Wm. A. Hinsey	C. G.	

SALIDA No. 17, SALIDA.

Wm. W. Roller	E. C.	J. Wallis Ohl.
Geo. W. Rose	G.	J. Wallis Ohl.
Wm. G. Sisson	C. G.	J. Wallis Ohl.

ORIENTAL No. 18, TRINIDAD.

Thomas Williams	E. C.
Loren E. Wade	G.
Lorin H. Roberts	C. G.

MONTROSE No. 19, MONTROSE.

John M. Reynolds	E. C.
Horatio N. Bostwick	G.
Sterling P. Sherman	C. G.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS No. 20, GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

Charles A. Lee	E. C.
Wm. M. Dinkel	G.
Charles W. Durand	C. G.

AKRON No. 21, AKRON.

Cyrus H. Phelps	E. C.
Adam J. Johnson	G.
Elisha J. Bales	C. G.

PALESTINE No. 22, LA JUNTA.

Not represented.

TEMPLE No. 23, GRAND JUNCTION.

Lawrence M. Miller	E. C.	
Edward F. Eldridge	G.	Lawrence M. Miller.
Norman J. Krusen	C. G.	Lawrence M. Miller.

DENVER No. 25, DENVER.

Julius B. Bissell	E. C.
Geo. N. Atwood	G.
Darius A. Barton	C. G.

PAST COMMANDERS.

L. N. Greenleaf	No. 1
Silas W. Chaney	No. 1
J. M. Rhoads	No. 1
Daniel McNiven	No. 5
Henry T. West	No. 10

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PAST COMMANDERS—CONTINUED.

Jason E. Freeman.....	No. 14
Harry A. Lee.....	No. 16
John H. Guilfoil.....	No. 18
Benj. F. Rawalt.....	No. 21
Wm. B. Trufant.....	No. 25
E. L. N. Foster.....	No. 25

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

California.....	Harper M. Orahood
Indiana.....	Irving W. Stanton
Iowa.....	Albert B. McGaffey
Kansas.....	Eugene P. Shove
Louisiana.....	Aaron Gove
Maine.....	Webster D. Anthony
Maryland.....	Benj. F. Rawalt
Minnesota.....	Henry T. West
New Hampshire.....	E. L. N. Foster
New York.....	George Wyman
Oregon.....	John M. Maxwell
Pennsylvania.....	Wm. D. Todd
South Dakota.....	Geo. N. Atwood
Vermont.....	Ed. C. Parmelee
Wyoming.....	Byron L. Carr

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Representatives from other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Colorado were introduced and cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander.

REGRETS.

Letters and telegrams of regret for their absence from this Conclave were read from

SIR RICHARD HARVEY, Grand Prelate,

on account of illness.

SIR JAMES H. PEABODY, P. G. C.

SIR ALPHONSE A. BURNAND, P. G. C.

SIR FRANK H. YOUNG, G. SWORD B.

THE OFFICERS OF CENTRAL CITY No. 2.

SIR W. G. ADAMS, P. C. No. 3.

SIR F. B. HILL, P. C. No. 25.

on account of washouts on the railroads caused by the heavy rains of the past few days.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees:

ON FINANCE.

SIR CHARLES CAVENDER.
SIR IRVING W. STANTON.
SIR SILAS W. CHANEY.

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

SIR JAMES B. SEVERY.
SIR JOSEPH W. MILSOM.
SIR ANDREW ARMSTRONG.

ON PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

SIR JULIUS B. BISSELL.
SIR JETHRO C. SANFORD.
SIR JOHN H. GUILFOIL.

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

SIR JAMES L. MOOREHEAD.
SIR SIDNEY A. SHEPPERD.
SIR HENRY T. WEST.

ON JURISPRUDENCE (TO FILL VACANCIES).

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD.
SIR DANIEL McNIVEN.
SIR FRANCIS L. CHILDS.

WEARING FULL UNIFORM.

On motion, the wearing of full Templar uniform was dispensed with during the rest of the session.

ADDRESS.

The R. E. Grand Commander delivered the following:

Sir Knights:

As your Grand Commander, it affords me much pleasure to extend to you a courteous and knightly welcome to this, our Nineteenth Annual Conclave.

One year ago you placed in my hands and entrusted to my keeping the Sword of Command, and it now becomes my duty to render to you an account of my stewardship.

Since we last met, we have all experienced the many trials and vicissitudes incident to human life, yet we return with unbroken ranks; thanks to the loving kindness and tender mercy of Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and though the silver

hairs may be a little more numerous and the furrows on our brows deeper, our hearts beat just as warmly and our love for our noble order is just as fervid as ever.

The years immediately following a Triennial Conclave are usually very quiet and uneventful; ordinarily but little work is done, and when, in addition, we remember the fiery furnace of financial depression, business stagnation, disaster and ruin through which our state and whole country are passing, it is surprising that we have done so well.

The closing of the mines in some of our silver producing counties has had a very depressing effect upon the membership of a number of our oldest and best commanderies. Their Sir Knights have become dispersed until it has become difficult for many of them to hold their regular conclaves, and no work has presented itself. They have all done their best, however, and let us trust that they may soon find that the cloud that now overhangs them has a silver lining and that ere many days prosperity and progress will be the reward for their labors.

NECROLOGY.

While no officer or past officer of this Grand Commandery has been taken from us during the past year, many sister jurisdictions have not been so fortunate.

The angel of death has stricken from the roll of human life many valiant Sir Knights loved and honored by all who knew them. We have lost from our own members the following two Past Eminent Commanders:

September 24th, 1893, E.: Sir Merritt C. Edmunds, P. E. C., of Greeley Commandery No. 10, stationed at Greeley, Colo., died at Pueblo, Colo.

November 20th, 1893, E.: Sir Frank P. St. Clair, P. E. C., of Montrose Commandery No. 19, stationed at Montrose, Colo., died at Columbia, Mo.

Death has taken sixteen Sir Knights from the ranks of our subordinate commanderies during the past year. Their names will appear on a page set apart to their memory.

I have also received notice from sister jurisdictions of the loss of the following Sir Knights who have finished their course on earth and now rest from their labors in that asylum not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

May 9th, 1893, R.: E.: Sir John J. Wadsworth, P. G. C., of Pennsylvania, died at his home, Erie, Pa.

May 29th, 1893, R.: E.: Sir Philo P. Hubbell, Grand Prelate of Minnesota, died at Winona, Minn.

July 18th, 1893, R.: E.: Sir James T. Holtzclaw, P. G. C., of Alabama, died at his home in the city of Montgomery, Ala.

August 2d, 1893, R.: E.: Sir William P. Innes, P. G. C., and for over twenty years Grand Recorder of Michigan, died at Grand Rapids, Mich.

August 30th, 1893, R.: E.: Sir Edwin G. Martin, P. G. C., of Pennsylvania, died at his home at Allentown, Pa.

October 26th, 1893, R.: E.: Sir George W. Port, P. G. C., of Kansas, died at his residence at Beloit, Kansas.

December 1st, 1893, R.: E.: Sir Reuben Peden, P. G. C., of Indiana, died at Knightstown, Ind.

December 26th, 1893, R.: E.: Sir Phillip D. McCulloch, P. G. C., of Arkansas, died at his home in Hot Springs, Ark.

January 29th, 1894, E.: Sir George Lampman, Grand Senior Warden of North Carolina, died in the city of Greensboro, N. C.

March 9th, 1894, R.: E.: Sir George C. Connor, P. G. C., of Tennessee, Grand Recorder of Tennessee at the time of his death, and Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment United States, died at his home in Chattanooga, Tenn.

March 29th, 1894, R.: E.: Sir Charles C. Baer, R. E. G. C., of Pennsylvania, died in Allegheny City, Pa.

April 2d, 1894, R.: E.: Sir Edward L. Gaul, P. G. C., of New York, died at his home in the city of Hudson, N. Y.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have no notices of any vacancies in the list of representatives either to or from this Grand Commandery, and as my predecessor in office had carefully revised the list, I have had no cause to make any changes.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I am pleased to say that I have been asked to issue but few dispensations during the past year, and have had no occasion to refuse any. I have granted the following.

July 3d, 1893, to Akron Commandery No. 21, to move into new asylum.

November 21st, 1893, to Colorado Commandery No. 1 (at request of Watertown Commandery No. 11, K. T., of Watertown, N. Y., endorsed by the Grand Commander of New York), to confer the Order of the Temple on Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Fred Dixon Hall.

April 14th, 1894, to Pueblo Commandery No. 3, to appear in public on April 29th, in full uniform, except sword, for the purpose of attending divine service.

May 12th, 1894, to Colorado Commandery No. 1, to appear in public in full uniform, except sword, on May 13th, for the purpose of attending divine service.

May 27th, 1894, to Colorado Commandery No. 1, to appear in public on June 5th, for the purpose of escorting this Grand Commandery to its asylum.

DECISIONS.

The questions submitted to me for my official decision have been very few, and only such as are clearly answered by the statutes. I have answered nearly all of them by reference to the law or by giving the substance thereof, and do not consider it necessary to include these in this report.

In reply to the question asked, I answered:

"There is nothing in the statutes of the Grand Commandery of this state that would prevent a member of a Commandery opening a bar in his hotel "

I also answered that a Commandery has the right to try an affiliated Sir Knight, belonging to a sister Commandery, for an offense committed within its territorial jurisdiction.

BY-LAWS.

I have had two requests during the past year to approve changes in By-Laws.

In both instances I have referred the Commanderies to Title XI, Section 2, of the Code, and informed them that the Grand Commander had no authority to approve By-Laws, and directed them to present the matter to this Grand Commandery.

TEMPLAR DAYS.

Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day have been set apart by this Grand Commandery as days of special observance, and Commanderies of this jurisdiction have authority to appear in public in full Templar uniform on these days without special dispensation. I find that the custom of holding religious services upon one or more of these days is steadily growing in favor, and to my mind cannot be too strongly commended. It is certainly in accord with the spirit and teachings of our order, and one of these days at least should be observed each year, either in the asylum or at some place of public worship.

Ascension Day coming on a week day, it has been suggested that this Grand Commandery authorize its subordinates to hold service, if they prefer, either upon the Sunday preceding or following Ascension Day, as they may elect.

The Commanderies holding services during the past year, and the days upon which they were held, are as follows, so far as reported to me:

Christmas Toast.

Colorado No. 1, stationed at Denver.
Central City No. 2, stationed at Central City.
Georgetown No. 4, stationed at Georgetown.
Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, stationed at Leadville.
Gunnison No. 8, stationed at Gunnison.
Canon City No. 9, stationed at Canon City.
Long's Peak No. 12, stationed at Longmont.
Salida No. 17, stationed at Salida.
Oriental No. 18, stationed at Trinidad.
Temple No. 23, stationed at Grand Junction.
Denver No. 25, stationed at Denver, joined with No. 1.

Easter Sunday.

Colorado No. 1, stationed at Denver, 120 Sir Knights in line.
Pueblo No. 3, stationed at Pueblo, 33 Sir Knights in line.
Mount Holy Cross No. 5, stationed at Leadville, 38 Sir Knights in line.
Pike's Peak No. 6, stationed at Colorado Springs, 30 Sir Knights in line.
Canon City No. 9, stationed at Canon City, 30 Sir Knights in line.
DeMolay No. 13, stationed at Ft. Collins, 33 Sir Knights in line.
Denver No. 25, stationed at Denver, joined with No. 1.

Ascension Day.

Colorado No. 1, stationed at Denver, 160 Sir Knights in line.
Pueblo No. 3, stationed at Pueblo, 29 Sir Knights in line.
Ivanhoe No. 11, stationed at Durango, 26 Sir Knights in line.
Denver No. 25, stationed at Denver, joined with No. 1.

RITUAL.

One thing that has been much of a hindrance and drawback to the commanderies during the past year has been the long delay in the receipt of the ritual adopted by the Grand Encampment in August, 1892. The ritual was expected early in the year 1893. Newly elected commanders and other officers, expecting to receive them at an early date, postponed the work on hand, waiting to receive and learn the new work. After months of patient waiting the long looked and wished for rituals were received August 14th, 1893, together with the following order from the Grand Master :

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U. S. A. }
 GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, }
 CORUNNA, MICHIGAN }

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

I. I have received official notice from our Grand Recorder that he has disbursed, in conformity to the resolution adopted in 1892 (see page 138 of Proceedings), to the several Grand Commanderies and Commanderies subordinate to this Grand Encampment, "The Rituals of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple," adopted at the 25th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held at Denver, Colorado, August, 1892.

II. By the authority in me vested I hereby officially promulgate the said Rituals as the Rituals to be used by all Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment and holding allegiance thereto, and after the first day of January, 1894, the conferring the Orders of Knighthood by any other form of ritual is prohibited.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 1.

I. I commend to the careful perusal and attention of all Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders, and Eminent Commanders and Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies, the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of 1892, especially that portion which pertains to the Rituals, to be found on pages 119, 128, 138, 159 and 158.

II. Special notice is called to the resolution on page 138, by which it will be observed that no authority is conferred on the Grand Master (nor any other officer or Sir Knight) to furnish extra copies to any Grand or Subordinate Commandery, nor a copy to any individual Sir Knight. District Deputies or Inspectors, appointed by Grand Commanders, are not entitled to Rituals, as no provision was made to furnish them.

III. Attention is called to the resolutions on pages 158-9. The officers therein mentioned will proceed, without any unnecessary delay, to carry out its instructions. Grand Recorders will report as required to V. Em. Sir Knight Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder, Richmond, Va., on the Form issued from his office. The resolutions referred to do not require the surrender of the Ritual of Malta adopted in 1883.

IV. All Rituals are the property of the Grand Encampment. Such of them, of Edition of 1892, as have been, or may be issued, must pass from the custody of Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Generalissimos, Grand Captain-Generals and Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies and Eminent Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies to their successors in office. Recorders of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies are charged with the duty of seeing that such transfer is made, and of making proper record of such transfer.

Done in the city of Corunna, State of Michigan, this 8th day of Sept., 1893.

Teste:

HUGH McCURDY, Grand Master.

WM. B. ISAACS, Grand Recorder.

They were immediately forwarded to the commanderies throughout the State accompanied by the following order:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO. }
 OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER. }
 DENVER, COLORADO, August 16, 1893. }

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

To all Knights Templar in Colorado:

WHEREAS, the Ritual adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1892 has been issued and distributed, therefore it is hereby ordered:

I. That hereafter said Ritual only, is to be used in this jurisdiction.

II. That all Rituals (except the Malta), copies of essentials and keys, heretofore issued by the Grand Encampment, or by this Grand Commandery, be forthwith returned to our Grand Recorder.

III. That you at once sign and return to our Grand Recorder, the receipt accompanying said Ritual.

IV. That you sign the pledge in said Ritual, and require your successor in office to sign the same on delivery of Ritual to him.

V. Let this order be read in open Commandery and entered of record.

By order of

Attest:

A. B. McGAFFEY, *Grand Commander.*

ED. C. PARMELEE, *Grand Recorder.*

They have been put into general use and, so far as I have been able to obtain an expression, have given almost universal satisfaction, and are now being used to the exclusion of all others.

VISITATIONS.

I was prevented from making as many visitations as I wished by the delay in the arrival of the ritual. At the request of several of the Commanderies I postponed my visit to enable them to learn the new work.

June 6th, 1893, I constituted Denver Commandery No. 25, and installed the officers, assisted by the V. E. D. G. C. Sir W. D. Todd.

December 12th, 1893, I visited Denver Commandery No. 25, and installed the officers elect.

December 19th, 1893, I visited Colorado Commandery No. 1 (my home Commandery), and installed the officers elect.

February 15th, 1894, accompanied by the Grand Recorder, E. Sir E. C. Parmelee, I visited Canon City Commandery No. 9, and assisted in conferring the Order of the Temple. Good attendance, good work and prosperous.

March 3d, 1894, I visited DeMolay Commandery No. 13, stationed at Fort Collins. The Grand Recorder accompanied me. This Commandery has a good asylum, is well drilled and prosperous. Not much work, but of good quality.

March 26th, 1894, I visited Mount Sinai Commandery No. 7, stationed at Boulder, accompanied by the Grand Recorder and Sir H. A. Beard, of No. 1. Conferred the Order of the Temple. About fifty Sir Knights present. Commandery in good shape financially and doing good work. This Commandery is building a temple.

March 27th, 1894, visited Denver Commandery No. 25 and conferred the Order of the Temple. This is our youngest Commandery, but is doing good work and is in a prosperous condition. It enjoys the distinction of numbering among its members five Past Grand Commanders of this jurisdiction, also the Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

April 4th, 1894, visited Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, stationed at Leadville. Conferred the Order of the Temple.

Was accompanied by Sir J. B. Bissell, E. Commander of No. 25. Good attendance and good work.

April 19th, 1894, visited Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, stationed at Colorado Springs. Was accompanied by Sir S. A. Shepperd, E. C. of No. 1, Sir J. B. Bissell, E. C. of No. 25, and Sir H. A. Beard, of No. 1. Conferred the Order of the Temple. Good attendance and good work.

April 26th, 1894, visited Salida Commandery No. 17, stationed at Salida. Conferred the Order of the Temple. Sir Bissell accompanied me. This Commandery is doing well, has good attendance, good quarters and is doing good work.

May 19th, 1894, visited Pueblo Commandery No. 3 stationed at Pueblo. Conferred the Order of the Temple. Was accompanied by Sir Bissell; E. C. Sir D. A. Barton; C. G. and Sir J. A. Vickers, Senior Warden of No. 25; also Sir H. A. Beard, of No. 1. Found No. 3 in better condition than most of the Commanderies and is doing good work.

May 24th, 1894, visited Greeley Commandery No. 10, stationed at Greeley. Conferred the Order of the Temple. Was accompanied by E. Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder, and Sirs J. B. Bissell, E. C., and D. A. Barton, C. G., of No. 25. The Commandery is in good condition and has a good asylum. Has not done much work during the past year, but has good prospects for the future.

May 29th, 1894, visited Colorado Commandery No. 1, stationed at Denver. This is my home Commandery and the oldest in the state, also the largest—having nearly one-third the membership of this jurisdiction. It has the reputation of doing good work, and justice to the Commandery obliges me to say that they merit all the praise that has been given them in this respect.

It is needless for me to say that in all my official visitations that I have been treated with every Knightly courtesy and with the utmost kindness and regard.

STANDING ORDERS.

In conformity with Resolution No. 14, of the Standing Orders of this Grand Commandery, the Order of the Temple will be conferred this evening in this asylum by the Grand Officers, each in his respective station, with the exception of the Grand Prelate, who is unavoidably absent. His station will be filled by Sir W. D. Peirce, Prelate of Colorado Commandery No. 1, K. T.

Kindly favor us with your presence, Sir Knights. The work will be strictly in accordance with the ritual as adopted at last session of Grand Encampment, and may interest and instruct those of you who have not witnessed it heretofore.

GRAND MASTER.

October 19th, 1893, I received notice from the Most Excellent Grand Master that he had appointed as his representative for the Eleventh District, comprising Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Wyoming, our well beloved P. G. C., R. E. Sir Harper M. Orahoad, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment.

We hope to be honored with an official visit from him during this Conclave.

TRIENNIAL, 1895.

The next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States will be held, as you are all aware, during the month of August, 1895, in the city of Boston, Mass. Colorado should commence to prepare for this at once. Correspondence has been had with the Boston Triennial Committee with reference to securing headquarters for this state. Our Grand Recorder will report to you with what result.

I would suggest that a committee, of which the Grand Recorder be one, be appointed at this Conclave to take charge of this matter, and that it be authorized to make complete arrangements, including transportation from Colorado to Boston, headquarters and supplies for same, hotel accommodations, etc., etc., and that said committee remain in charge until after said Triennial is held; also that this Grand Commandery make an appropriation for its use and benefit, and earnestly recommend that all Colorado Commanderies journey to Boston and appear there in one body and under the grand standard of the state. They can rely upon being royally greeted.

OHIO.

As an evidence of the kind regard that is felt toward Colorado Templars by the Sir Knights of sister jurisdictions, I append a copy of a letter received by our representative near the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

"ORIENTAL COMMANDERY No. 12,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, October 2d, 1893.

"Joshua M. Booth, Esq., Em. Sir and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, K. T.

"DEAR SIR AND FRATER:—At a stated convclave of Oriental Commandery No. 12, K. T., held at the asylum on the above date, a resolution was adopted tendering the services of this Commandery to act as your escort from the asylum in this city to your headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, Monday, October 9th, to attend the Fifty-first Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Your acceptance is earnestly requested.

"Courteously,

[Signed]

"JAS. W. VENNING,

"Recorder."

Sir Booth accepted the escort so courteously tendered, attended the conclave, and writes:

"Peace, prosperity and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and the lavish hospitality of the Knights of Colorado during the late Triennial Conclave was a subject of frequent mention."

Their next annual conclave will be held in Cleveland in October, 1894, and Sir Booth expresses the hope that he may have the pleasure of meeting some of his constituency on that occasion.

INVITATIONS.

I received a cordial invitation from R. E. Sir Edward L. Gaul, Grand Commander of New York, to attend the Eightieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of that state on September 12th and 13, 1893. As it was impossible for me to accept, I so notified him.

May 10th, 1894, I received a very kind and courteous invitation to attend the celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of St. John's Commandery No. 4, K. T., of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 9th, 1894. This I was obliged to decline, and therefore sent my regrets.

CONCLUSION.

And now, Sir Knights, in conclusion, permit me to say: For several years I have been a member and held office in this Grand Commandery. In electing me to the exalted position I now occupy, and which I accepted with fear and trembling, I doubted your wisdom, but I have done what I could and I trust that my efforts have been of some benefit to our noble order and may have earned some meed of approval.

For the many acts of Knightly courtesy and consideration received from the different commanderies and individual Sir Knights, I wish to return my most earnest and heartfelt thanks. They have made my path a pleasant one.

To our Grand Recorder, "Old Ed.," I desire to extend my sincere thanks for the counsel and advice so often and so cheerfully given during the past year. Always ready and willing, in season and out of season, to help and assist, may his shadow never grow less.

In a few short moments, Sir Knights, my official relations with you will terminate, and I shall once more resume my place in your ranks, where, I trust, that so long as my life is spared I may be found wielding my sword in the cause to which it has been so solemnly consecrated.

And now may peace be with you and may the blessings of Heaven rest upon you and yours until the end of all time.

Courteously yours,

A. B. McGAFFEY.

Grand Commander.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion, the address was referred to a special committee.

SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,
SIR JASON E. FREEMAN,
SIR HARRY A. LEE,

Were appointed said committee.

REPORT.

The committee afterwards presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander, report that they have carefully examined the same, and courteously report as follows :

First. That that portion of the address referring to necrology be referred to a special committee of three.

Second. That portion relating to decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Third. That the action of the Grand Commander in granting dispensations be approved.

Fourth. That the zeal exhibited by our Grand Commander, as shown by his numerous visitations, is deserving of hearty approval.

Fifth. That General Order No. 1, regarding Ritual, as promulgated by the Grand Commander, be approved.

Sixth. That that portion relating to Templar days be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to suggest such changes in the Statutes as are required to conform with the recommendations of the Grand Commander.

Seventh. That we heartily concur in the suggestions of the Grand Commander relating to the appointment of a Triennial Committee for 1895, and for a suitable appropriation for same.

Courteously submitted,

W. D. ANTHONY,
J. E. FREEMAN,
HARRY A. LEE.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The R.: E.: Grand Commander appointed as said committees :

ON NECROLOGY.

SIR LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF,
SIR E. L. N. FOSTER,
SIR DANIEL McNIVEN.

ON TRIENNIAL.

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
SIR JAMES H. PEABODY,
SIR GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH,
SIR SILAS W. CHANEY,
SIR GRAND RECORDER.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The following was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance :

GEORGE WYMAN, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

1893.			
June 6	To balance, as per last report.....	\$7,898.78	
	Grand Recorder.....	640.00	
		—	\$8,038.78
	By Warrant No. 125.....	\$ 325.85	
	Warrant No. 126.....	10.00	
	Warrant No. 127.....	18.12	
	Warrant No. 128.....	175.00	
	Warrant No. 129.....	500.00	
	Warrant No. 130.....	2,615.95	
	Warrant No. 131.....	150.00	
	Warrant No. 132.....	16.60	
	Warrant No. 133.....	79.15	
	Warrant No. 134.....	200.00	
	Warrant No. 135.....	208 45	
	Warrant No. 136.....	22.30	
1894.		—	\$4,315.92
June 5	By Balance.....	3,722.86	
		—	\$8,038.78
June 5	To balance on hand.....	\$3,722.86	
	For which find certified check for	\$1,647.86	
	Bills Receivable for.....	2,075.00	
		—	\$3,722.86

and vouchers for disbursements.

GEORGE WYMAN, *Grand Treasurer.*

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

The following was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Commandery:

At the Annual Conclave, June 6, 1893, a charter was ordered and issued to:

Denver Commandery No. 25, at Denver.

On the evening of that day said Commandery was constituted and its officers installed by Sir Albert B. McGaffey, R. E.: Grand Commander, assisted by nearly all the Grand Officers.

I have received:

DUES RETURNED BY COMMANDERIES FOR 1893 PAID SINCE
LAST REPORT.

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	WHEN	AMOUNT
15	Oriental.....	Trinidad.....	June 6, 1893.....	\$ 4 00
3	Pueblo.....	Pueblo.....	June 6, 1893.....	2 50
17	Salida.....	Salida.....	June 26, 1893.....	5 00
19	Montrose.....	Montrose.....	July 4, 1893.....	32 00

DUES RETURNED BY THE SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES FOR 1894.

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	WHEN PAID	Created	Members	Amount
1	Colorado.....	Denver.....	June 5, 1894	8	452	\$266 00
2	Central City.....	Central City.....	May 25, 1894		40	20 00
3	Pueblo.....	Pueblo.....	Apr. 30, 1894	2	105	62 50
4	Georgetown.....	Georgetown.....	May 7, 1894	1	27	18 50
5	Mt. of the Holy Cross	Leadville.....	June 4, 1894	6	78	69 00
6	Pike's Peak.....	Colorado Springs..	Apr. 27, 1894	7	89	79 50
7	Mount Sinai.....	Boulder.....	May 5, 1894	4	78	59 00
8	Gunnison.....	Gunnison.....	May 25, 1894		45	22 50
9	Canon City.....	Canon City.....	May 2, 1894	3	64	47 00
10	Greeley.....	Greeley.....	May 29, 1894		35	17 50
11	Ivanhoe.....	Durango.....	May 7, 1894	4	53	46 50
12	Long's Peak.....	Longmont.....	May 2, 1894	2	61	40 50
14	Aspen Mountain.....	Aspen.....	May 1, 1894		41	20 50
15	Rio Grande Del Norte	Alamosa.....	June 5, 1894	3	32	31 00
16	Ouray.....	Ouray.....	May 12, 1894	5	58	54 00
17	Salida.....	Salida.....	May 18, 1894	2	42	31 00
18	Oriental.....	Trinidad.....	June 5, 1894	3	51	41 50
19	Montrose.....	Montrose.....	May 25, 1894	2	41	24 50
20	Glenwood Springs...	Glenwood Springs..	May 15, 1894		24	12 00
21	Akron.....	Akron.....	May 3, 1894	6	45	52 50
22	Palestine.....	La Junta.....	June 4, 1894	2	33	26 50
23	Temple.....	Grand Junction....	May 4, 1894	2	27	25 50
25	Denver.....	Denver.....	May 9, 1894	5	50	45 00

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CHARTER FEES COLLECTED.

Denver No. 25.....Denver.....\$10 00

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Dues for 1893.....\$ 43 50
 Dues for 1894.....1110 50
 Charter Fee.....10 00
 Total.....\$1164 00

I have paid:

May 29, 1894. To Grand Treasurer.....\$640 00
 Balance on hand.....524 00
 ---\$1164 00

(Balance was paid Grand Treasurer June 6.)

I have drawn warrants on the Grand Treasurer :

DATE	IN FAVOR OF	ACCOUNT OF	NO.	AMOUNT
1893.				
June 6	Grand Treasurer...	Pay Roll.....	125	\$ 325 35
6	Thos. Linton.....	Services.....	126	10 00
6	Grand Recorder....	Contingent Expenses, 1892-93.....	127	18 12
6	Grand Recorder....	Contingent Expenses, 1893-94.....	128	175 00
6	Grand Recorder....	Services.....	129	500 00
6	Grand Treasurer...	Triennial Badges.....	130	2,615 95
12	Platt Rogers.....	Triennial Expenses.....	131	150 00
20	Wm. D. Todd.....	Flowers.....	132	16 60
23	Grand Recorder....	Grand Encampment Dues.....	133	79 15
Aug. 7	W.F.Robinson & Co.	Printing.....	134	200 00
Sep. 23 1894.	W.F.Robinson & Co.	Printing.....	135	203 45
May 26	Grand Commander	Expenses.....	136	22 30
		Total.....		\$ 4,315 92

All the commanderies except DeMolay No. 13, at Fort Collins, have made returns and paid dues.*

Colorado No. 1, Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, Rio Grande Del Norte No. 15, Oriental No. 18, and Palestine No. 22, did not make returns and pay dues within the time required by Section 3, Article vi, of our Statutes.

Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, Pike's Peak No. 6, Greeley No. 10, Ivanhoe No. 11, Akron No. 21, and Palestine No. 22, did not furnish the Grand Recorder with a list of officers elected as required by said Section 3.

Fraternally,

ED. C. PARMELEE, *Grand Recorder.*

*No. 13 did so June 11.

CHANGE OF LAWS.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, Aspen Mountain Commandery No. 14 and Temple Commandery No. 23, were presented and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

ELECTED A MEMBER.

The petition of Lathan W. Jones, a Past Commander of Dieu Le Veut Commandery No. 45, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., now a member of Colorado Commandery No. 1, at Denver, for membership, accompanied by the necessary certificates, was presented and referred to

SIR C. H. PHELPS,
SIR D. A. BARTON,
SIR S. ATKINSON.

The committee afterwards presented its report, and Sir Jones was unanimously elected a member of this Grand Commandery.

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 5, 1894, 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor.
Grand Commander McGaffey presiding.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Sir Harper M. Orahood, Past Grand Commander, and present Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment and representative of the Most Excellent Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy, for this jurisdiction being in waiting, a suitable escort was formed, retired, and accompanied him to the asylum, where he was formally introduced to and received by the R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Orahood responded in appropriate terms.

REPORT ON RETURNS AND WORK.

The following was read, and on motion of Sir I. W. Stanton, adopted :

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Returns and Work have examined the returns of all chartered commanderies and find them correct, with the following exceptions :

DeMolay No. 13 presented no returns.

Montrose No. 19 reports two created, and pays therefor \$2 each; leaving the report short \$6.

Palestine No. 22 reports two created May 12, 1894, and pays therefor \$10, thus making an overpayment of \$10. Report not signed by Recorder.

Courteously submitted,

JAMES B. SEVERY.
ANDREW ARMSTRONG.
JOS. W. MILSOM.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir H. M. Orahood presented the following reports from the Committee on Jurisprudence, which were adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report that they approve of the Grand Commander's recommendation that subordinate commanderies be allowed to hold public Ascension Day services on the Sunday preceding or following Ascension Day without dispensation therefor. We therefore recommend that the following be added to Standing Order No. 17:

The Sunday preceding or following Ascension Day may be observed in lieu of Ascension Day by any Commandery desiring so to do.

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee to whom was referred the proposed changes of by-laws of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, changing the time of the regular conclaves; of Aspen Mountain Commandery No. 14, changing the amount of fees for conferring the orders; and of Temple Commandery No. 23, changing the day and the hour for the regular conclaves, have been examined. We recommend the approval of the same as asked for.

H. M. ORAHOOD,
D. McNIVEN,
Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual reports of your Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they have carefully examined the same and found them correct, and that there is now in the Grand Treasury the sum of \$1647.86 in cash and a bill receivable for the sum of \$2075.00, making a total of \$3722.86.

The Grand Treasurer reports to your Finance Committee that his funds, as such, prior to the panic of July, 1893, were kept in the People's National Bank, of Denver, Colo., which bank was forced to close its doors. The Grand Treasurer, using his best endeavors to protect the funds of this Commandery, accepted in payment of the account a note of The Masonic Temple Association, of Denver, made by J. T. Cornforth as President, and J. C. Johnston as Secretary, dated May 31, 1893, payable sixty days after date, to the order of the People's National Bank, for the sum of \$4500, with interest

at 10 per cent., endorsed by W. B. Palmer, P. L. Palmer, J. F. Drescher, C. T. Harkison, J. T. Cornforth, J. C. Johnston and Wm. Toovey, the note being endorsed by the People's National Bank without recourse. Upon this note various payments have been made at various times, and the balance now due upon the note is \$2075 and interest upon balance from January 1, 1894. After making due inquiry, and from personal knowledge of the members of the Committee, they are led to believe that the note is a good one and will be paid, and recommend, under the circumstances, that the same be accepted by the Grand Commandery, as of the sum of \$2075 in settling the accounts with the Grand Treasurer.

We also report the following officers of the Grand Commandery and the representatives from the subordinate commanderies entitled to the following sums covering their actual traveling expenses, and recommend that a warrant be drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for \$314.30, covering such amounts, and that he be directed to pay the Sir Knights the said amounts, to-wit:

W. W. Rowan	G. G.	\$ 11 20
E. P. Shove	G. C. G.	24 60
G. J. Dunbaugh	G. S. W.	9 30
John M. Maxwell	G. J. W.	20 00
L. M. Miller	G. War.	37 75
F. M. Dunbaugh	No. 3	9 30
C. Cavender	No. 5	20 00
J. B. Severy	No. 6	5 80
J. L. Morehead	No. 7	3 40
J. W. Milsom	No. 9	11 30
F. L. Childs	No. 10	2 80
Hiram Bullis	No. 11	30 75
M. J. Wilson	No. 12	1 80
A. Armstrong	No. 13	5 50
Wm. A. Hinsey	No. 16	36 30
J. W. Ohl	No. 17	6 00
L. H. Roberts	No. 18	18 00
S. S. Sherman	No. 19	25 00
C. A. Lee	No. 20	26 50
C. H. Phelps	No. 21	9 00
		\$314 30

Courteously submitted,

CHAS. CAVENDER.
 SILAS W. CHANEY.
 IRVING W. STANTON.

NECROLOGY.

Sir L. N. Greenleaf presented the following, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the R. E. Grand Commander's address relating to the decease of eminent and beloved fraters in this and other Grand Jurisdictions, would respectfully submit the following report:

The black-bordered memorials which have been placed in our hands are sad reminders of the "uncertainty of life and the vanity of all human pursuits." They tell us of the fresh assaults of the invincible enemy, and of valiant warriors whose swords are sheathed forever.

"—— Pass not on
Till thou hast blest their memories and paid
Those thanks which God appointed the reward
Of manly virtue."

First, let us with reverent hearts recognize the watchful care of our Heavenly Father who hath mercifully turned aside the shafts of the Grim Archer and spared the lives of our past and present Grand Officers during the last year.

Two P. E. Commanders of this jurisdiction have entered into the unseen asylum above. E. Sir Merritt C. Edmunds, E. C. of Greeley Commandery No. 10 when under dispensation, died at Pueblo, September 24th, 1893.

E. Sir Frank P. St. Clair, E. C. of Montrose Commandery No. 19 when under dispensation, and also in 1891 and 1892, died at Columbia, Mo., November 20th, 1893. We regret that we are without further data concerning the lives of these departed fraters. To the Commanderies of which they were members we tender our profound sympathy.

From other Grand Jurisdictions we have received mournful intelligence of the loss of distinguished leaders of our bannered host, many of whose names had become "household words" throughout the Templar world. Alas! that among them should be numbered the genial and valiant Innes and the out-spoken and whole-souled Connor, he whose eloquent words but lately echoed within these very walls and sent a responsive thrill through every listener's heart.

Resolved, That to the Grand Commanderies of Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania and Tennessee we tender our heartfelt and Knightly sympathy for the irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of distinguished and beloved fraters.

Resolved, That pages be suitably inscribed in our proceedings as follows: "To the Memory of Deceased Fraters in this Jurisdiction," and "To the Memory of Deceased Fraters in other Grand Jurisdictions."

"The Good Knight sleeps where the daisies nod
And the clover hangs its head,
Where the wild bird comes and the wild bee hums
Above his lonely bed.
He fought the fight—he kept the faith—
His fame shines bright and clear,
And his memory lives in loving hearts
Which will hold it ever dear,
The Good Knight sleeps.

"The winter snow shall wrap his couch
In a mantle broad and white,
A spotless robe for a spotless soul
Who has kept his armor bright:
And the burning stars which nightly watch
And keep ward over all,
Shall keep the grave where the Good Knight waits
To rise at the Master's call,
The Good Knight sleeps."

Courteously submitted,

LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF.
ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER.
D. McNIVEN.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported, verbally, that nothing had been referred to them for consideration.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Harper M. Orahood presented the Report on Correspondence, which was ordered published with our Proceedings. [See Appendix.]

FINANCIAL.

The following were adopted and warrants ordered drawn as therein recommended :

By Sir E. P. Shove --

Resolved, that the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary, be appropriated for the use of the Boston Triennial Committee.

By Sir H. M. Orahood—

Resolved, that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder, for services for the past year, and the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the contingent expenses of his office, and the sum of ten dollars to Sir Thomas Linton, Grand Captain of the Guard, for services at this Annual Conclave.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Sirs D. A. Barton, J. C. Sanford and F. M. Dunbaugh were appointed to collect the ballots.

The balloting resulted in the election of:

WILLIAM D. TODD, Denver	G. C.
WILLIAM W. ROWAN, Onray	D. G. C.
EUGENE P. SHOVE, Gunnison	G. G.
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH, Pueblo	G. C. G.
JOHN WALLIS OHL, Salida	G. PRE.
JOHN M. MAXWELL, Leadville	G. S. W.
HARRY A. LEE, Leadville	G. J. W.
GEORGE WYMAN, Denver	G. TREAS.
ED. C. PARMELEE, Masonic Temple, Denver	G. REC.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read:

SILAS W. CHANEY, Denver	G. STANDARD B.
JOSEPH A. WOODBURY, Greeley	G. SWORD B.
JULIUS B. BISSELL, Denver	G. WARDER.
THOMAS LINTON, Denver	G. C. OF GUARD.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers, elected and appointed, excepting the Grand Sword Bearer, who was not present, were duly installed by R. E. Sir Albert B. McGaffey and assumed their respective stations, P. G. Commander W. D. Anthony acting as Grand Marshal.

THANKS.

The following was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1 for their escort duty to this Grand Commandery this morning.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY.....Denver
 JAMES H. PEABODY.....Canon City
 ALPHONSE A. BURNAND.....Leadville

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD.....Denver
 JAMES B. SEVERY.....Colorado Springs
 JAMES L. MOREHEAD.....Boulder

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

R. E. Grand Commander Wm. D. Todd presented a Past Grand Commander's jewel to Albert B. McGaffey, our retiring Grand Commander, who returned thanks in appropriate terms.

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of Sir. I. W. Stanton it was voted that each Commandery in the jurisdiction be requested to appoint a committee of one to act with the Triennial Committee of five heretofore appointed.

MINUTES READ.

The minutes of the Conclave were read and approved.

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commandery adjourned, to meet in Denver Tuesday, June 4, 1895.

WILLIAM D. TODD,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

Ed. C. Parmelee
Grand Recorder.

TUESDAY EVENING.

At a stated Conclave of Colorado Commandery No. 1, the Order of the Temple was conferred by R.: E.: A. B, McGaffey, assisted by the Grand Officers, as announced in his address. A large number of Knights were present and the work was well done.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATUTES.

FORMS.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following named jurisdictions:

Alabama	33d Annual Conclave	May 10, 1893
Arizona	1st Annual Conclave	Nov. 13, 1893
Arkansas	21st Annual Conclave	April 18, 1893
California	35th Annual Conclave	April 20, 1893
Canada	10th Annual Conclave	July 18, 1893
Connecticut	66th Annual Conclave	March 21, 1893
Georgia	32d Annual Conclave	May 10, 1893
Illinois	37th Annual Conclave	Oct. 24, 1893
Indiana	39th Annual Conclave	April 19, 1893
Iowa	30th Annual Conclave	July 12, 1893
Kansas	25th Annual Conclave	May 9, 1893
Kentucky	46th Annual Conclave	May 17, 1893
Louisiana	30th Annual Conclave	Feb. 17, 1893
Maine	42d Annual Conclave	May 4, 1893
Maryland	23d Annual Conclave	Nov. 28, 1893
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	88th Annual Conclave	Oct. 26, 1893
Michigan	37th Annual Conclave	May 16, 1893
Minnesota	28th Annual Conclave	June 24, 1893
Mississippi	33d Annual Conclave	Feb. 6, 1893
Missouri	32d Annual Conclave	April 25, 1893
Montana	6th Annual Conclave	Oct. 10, 1893
Nebraska	21st Annual Conclave	April 11, 1893
New Hampshire	34th Annual Conclave	Sept. 26, 1893
New Jersey	35th Annual Conclave	May 9, 1893
New York	30th Annual Conclave	Sept. 12, 1893
North Carolina	13th Annual Conclave	May 11, 1893
North Dakota	4th Annual Conclave	June 9, 1893
Ohio	51st Annual Conclave	Oct. 10, 1893
Oregon	7th Annual Conclave	Oct. 12, 1893
Pennsylvania	40th Annual Conclave	May 23, 1893
South Dakota	10th Annual Conclave	June 19, 1893
Tennessee	31st Annual Conclave	May 9, 1893
Texas	39th Annual Conclave	April 12, 1893
Vermont	51st Annual Conclave	June 13, 1893
Virginia	71st Annual Conclave	Oct. 12, 1893
Washington	6th Annual Conclave	June 9, 1893
West Virginia	19th Annual Conclave	May 10, 1893
Wisconsin	35th Annual Conclave	Oct. 10, 1893
Wyoming	6th Annual Conclave	May 10, 1893

ALABAMA—1893.

From Grand Commander McKinnon's address we learn that the prosperity we noted last year, continues:

The returns from our subordinate Commanderies show a healthy and steady growth in our ranks, and when we take into consideration the stringency of money matters, we should feel satisfied with the past year's results as to increase of membership.

Speaking of appointment of Grand Representatives, he favors triennial appointments:

The appointment, if necessary, of new men, who are zealous workers, every three years, it seems to me is conducive to a healthier state of our body and is certainly a stimulus to young men, ambitious of recognition and promotion.

He gives a very pleasant account of the Twenty-fifth Triennial at Denver.

After closing the labors of the session we find the following:

AFTERWARDS.

The excursion on the mountain was a most pleasant one, and fully enjoyed by all the fortunate participants. The scenery, though not grand, is very beautiful and forms a pleasing study to the lover of nature in her gentler aspects. Not the least of the attractions are the falls of Black creek, whose pellucid waters, falling over a precipice of ninety feet, charm the eye of the beholder.

About noon dinner was announced—an old-fashioned southern barbecue—and to a person who has partaken of one, nothing more need be said to express the excellence of this one. The cooking was perfect, the service well ordered, and above all, the attentions given by the Sir Knights of Etowah Commandery to their sisters was assiduous and most courteous, they leaving nothing undone that would contribute to their comfort or pleasure. They hold a warm place in the hearts of the Templars of Alabama.

Brother Moore makes his fifth Report on Correspondence. Among other things in his opening he says:

We have been a member of the Masonic Order and a Templar for twenty years and if there is any thing for which we would criticise our brethren and fraters it is the general disinclination to read Masonic books and publications. It is true that many of these works are puerile, but there are excellent ones to be had and in them and in the rites and symbolism of the Fraternity the student may find rich treasures of mental and spiritual wealth.

And this from his closing:

We again submit a Report on Correspondence to our fraters of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, and to "the Guild." We thank all those who have spoken or written kind and encouraging

words of our work, for they cause us to hope that our reports have been read, and that the statement of one of our Grand Commanders made before we were appointed, that "few people read such reports, and that it is a useless expense to print them," is no longer correct, even if it were at the time when that assertion was made. If we have been at all instrumental in bringing about such a result, we have accomplished something.

Sir Charles Wheelock, Grand Commander.

Sir Edmund R. Hastings, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARIZONA—1893.

A new Grand Commandery, organized November 14, 1893. The representatives of these Commanderies met at Phoenix, as follows: Arizona No. 1, Ivanhoe No. 2. and Phoenix No. 3. The warrant of the Grand Master was then read and a convention organized. A constitution was prepared and adopted, and officers were elected and installed.

We wish them God speed and a career of usefulness and prosperity according to their most ardent desires.

Sir George J. Roskrige, Grand Commander.

Sir Douglass Snyder, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1893.

The enthusiasm of last year's twentieth anniversary continues:

The past year has been fraught with its pleasures as well as its sorrows, and its prosperity as well as its adversity, and we should take comfort and encouragement in our present satisfactory condition. Our Subordinate Commanderies are nearly all in prosperous condition, and the Knightly zeal displayed by all is certainly commendable. I speak from personal observation, having either personally visited most of the Commanderies or conversed with the officers thereof from time to time.

The Grand Commander gives a very entertaining account of their visit to the Twenty-fifth Triennial. It was a pilgrimage of pleasure and we hope of profit as well.

We have a new writer on correspondence, Sir F. J. H. Rickon, who makes a very complete and readable report Colorado received complimentary notice.

Sir Samuel W. Williams, Grand Commander.

Sir James A. Henry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA— 1893.

Of the condition of the Order, Grand Commander Neff says:

It had been my firm intention, as it certainly was my strong desire, to visit as many of the Commanderies of this jurisdiction as possible during the months of December and January, but unfortunately just as all my arrangements had been completed to that end, I met with an accident on the sixth day of December last, that confined me to my room for two months, and from which I have not yet fully recovered. I am assured, however, from the report of the several Inspectors submitted herewith, that the Commanderies visited and inspected by them, with perhaps two or three exceptions, are in a prosperous condition, and harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, not a single case of grievance having been brought to my attention during the year.

On one subject we give the address in full, although longer than we usually quote. It is in line with what we have said in former reports, and meets our approval:

I now pass to the consideration of a matter which I believe to be of great importance as touching the welfare, the safety and the perpetuity of this magnanimous Order. It cannot be gainsaid, controverted or denied that there is a growing tendency among our Knights Templar towards overindulgence in the intoxicating cup. Wine flows freely at many of our festal boards, and the "Knighly toast" too deeply quaffed and too often repeated, becomes at last but a vapid emanation from a muddled brain, instead of a dignified sentiment prompted by a high and holy impulse and flowing from a pure and generous heart. The "social glass" has become so fashionable an indulgence that it often takes first place in the exchange of Knighly courtesies, and leads its participants into places where it is a positive disgrace for a Christian Knight to enter or remain.

Intemperance is the gateway to all the vices. Let a man become captive to it and the doors of all other vicious indulgences stand ajar in his presence. Easy is the descent, and moral, social and spiritual degradation is as sure to follow as the night to succeed the day. Is it not time that we should hang out the danger signal? Is it right, is it consistent for us to teach our novitiates to follow the example of the Immaculate Jesus—to direct their minds to Calvary's Sacred Mount, and then place before them, or even tolerate examples that lead them into dens of dissipation set along the pathway of their lives? Think of it, Sir Knights, and God grant that your thoughts may speedily crystalize into action.

While dwelling upon this unpleasant subject, it is gratifying to find relief in the knowledge that other and nearly all Grand Bodies of Knights Templar in this country are taking positive measures for the eradication of this evil of intemperance. Not only have they decreed that a Mason who is addicted to the use of alcoholic stimulants as a beverage is material unfit for the Temple, but that no Sir Knight, over whom they hold jurisdiction, shall engage in the manufacture or sale of such intoxicating liquors. Is not this subject, I

ask in all candor and sincerity, of sufficient importance to command your most thoughtful consideration? There are voices calling, "Watchman, what of the night?" Can we answer "All is well."

Brother Lippitt again makes a full Report on Correspondence. Colorado has full and kindly notice. For personal compliment, thanks.

The Grand Commander, in his address, very fully reviews the Twenty-fifth Triennial.

Sir William Vanderhurst, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas H. Caswell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

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CANADA—1893.

We take the following from Grand Master Malone's address:

In welcoming you to the Tenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, I do so with great pride and pleasure, for as evidence of our growth and prosperity I can safely point to the Preceptory lately established in this beautiful city, whose representatives have so courteously received us and whose members are determined that the banners of the Temple shall from henceforth float over the eastern portion of our province.

From correspondence with the various presiding officers and from the returns received from the Grand Chancellor, I have great pleasure in reporting marked prosperity. During the year one hundred and fifty aspirants and affiliates have been received into the Order. No complaint has been received by me during the year, and with the exception of the misunderstanding (if you can call it such) with our Scottish Fraters in New Brunswick, peace and harmony reign within our borders.

He quotes quite fully from Grand Master McCurdy's address at the last Triennial. Of their new Ritual he says:

I have every reason to be proud of our Ritual and take this opportunity of thanking the Grand Chancellor and the Ritual Committee for the assistance given me in preparing and distributing it to the various officers. I have received a report that some members of the Ritual Committee of the Grand Encampment of the United States have expressed themselves as well pleased with our production. It is strictly a Canadian work and in keeping with the Christian character of our Order, and I trust there will be no more tinkering with it in the future.

The Ritual, as adopted, was fully exemplified for the instruction of those present:

After the close of Great Priory the Ritual of the several Degrees was exemplified in full, with proper costumes, at an Emergent Assembly of Ottawa Preceptory No. 32, Ottawa, by the officers and Sir Knights of various Preceptories.

R. E. Sir T. S. Parvin, Grand Representative of Canada, made an entertaining report of the proceedings of the last Triennial Encampment. We quote one paragraph:

The attendance upon the Conclave, while not so large as upon some previous occasions, nevertheless, embraced Representatives from all of the Grand and from many of the Subordinate Commanderies of the states and territories. The public parade was the leading feature of the public exercises which always attend such occasions. The social festivities indulged in by the several Grand and Subordinate Commanderies is also a leading feature of the Triennials, and they serve to bring together and introduce into the common friendship and brotherhood the Sir Knights of different sections of our country. Templary being largely legislated for by our several State Grand Commanderies there is not a great deal of public legislation left for the Grand Encampment to enact. The particular business before the Grand Encampment was the adoption of the Ritual of the Order of the Temple and the Red Cross.

Past Grand Master Robertson makes the Report on Correspondence. He commences with a review of the Grand Encampment. Among other things he says:

Foremost in importance of all the Proceedings of the year are the transactions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States, a body which, in dignity and influence and in the composition and ability of its members may fairly claim pre-eminence as the leading Templar Body in the world.

Colorado has full and kindly notice.

The whole Report is friendly and courteous in spirit and expression.

Sir E. E. Sheppard, Grand Master.

Sir Daniel Spry, re-elected Grand Chancellor.

CONNECTICUT—1893.

The condition of the Order is shown by the following extract from the address of Grand Commander Schwartz:

In reviewing the record of the past year, it affords me great pleasure to inform you of the continued prosperity of our Order, and of the peace and good will that exists throughout our entire jurisdiction. Not a complaint has been heard, nor has any question been referred to me for decision.

. We notice among a large number of special dispensations several to confer orders on more than one candidate on the same evening. We see no particular reason for the statute, but if it is good and proper it should be observed; if otherwise, repeal it, and not make it nugatory by special dispensations.

The Grand Commander made a great many official visits. They were undoubtedly of great benefit to the subordinate commanderies.

I noticed in all these visitations an enthusiasm in the work of our Order which reflects great credit upon the officers and Sir Knights of the commanderies within our jurisdiction.

The proceedings were followed as usual by a banquet and reception.

The evening was most enjoyable, and marks another stepping stone on the journey towards the final camping ground of all valiant and true Sir Knights, whose faith is firm in the Captain of our Salvation.

The Report on Correspondence is again made by Grand Recorder Wheeler, in his usual full and able style. Following is his opening:

We are again permitted by a kind Providence to submit our annual review of the proceedings of our sister jurisdictions, which will be conducted as heretofore. We shall endeavor to give a fair review of the condition of Templary in the United States, and furnish some reading selected from the pamphlets before us that will pay your perusal.

It seems but yesterday since we were traveling the paths which we now enter. Time flows along so quickly that we hardly have finished our task when the same duty is staring us again in the face. How fitting are the poet's words :

"The flight of time! No force can mortal bring,
To check the speed of time's on-sweeping wing :
Gone, like a meteor from the pathless skies,
A flash, and vanished from our wondering eyes.
How brief the faded past to sight appears,
Set side by side with God's eternal years,
Or measured on in the time to be,
By countless ages that are ours to see.
O fleeting time! How short indeed the span,
Compared with thousands since the world began.
We count by centuries ; as on history's page
We read the record of each passing age ;
Scan each event in panoramic view,
The old soon passes, quickly comes the new."

Colorado for 1892, has full and complimentary notice. In his conclusion he has the following to say about the condition of the Order and the Ritual:

Our review this year embraces every Grand Jurisdiction in the country, and the reports from each one show the order to be in a more flourishing and satisfactory condition than ever before. We predict for the next decade at least, a grand forward march, and we may add with some assurance, an upward trend so far as the moral condition of the Order is concerned.

The Ritual that has been adopted by the Grand Encampment will become universal throughout all jurisdictions, and from what we have been able to learn without having seen it, we think it will prove quite satisfactory to all, especially to the older Grand Commanderies. It certainly is cause for congratulation, that one has been prepared, and adopted with such unanimity, and the committee which has had the matter under consideration, should feel well satisfied with their labor, in harmonizing the varied sentiments of different Jurisdictions, so as to have their work receive the hearty and unanimous endorsement of the Grand Encampment. We hope it will be many years before the need of any change will be even suggested.

Sir James B. Wildman, Grand Commander.

Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA—1893.

The usual preliminary march, with escort, was made:

The officers and members of the Grand Commandery having assembled at Headquarters, in the Arlington hotel, Broad street, the lines were formed by Grand Captain General William H. Fleming, who escorted the officers and members of the Grand Commandery to the Asylum of Georgia Commandery No. 1, where they were welcomed by P. E. C. Otis G. Lynch on behalf of the citizens and Masonic fraternity of Augusta.

From the Grand Commander's address we take the following:

While there is no evidence of any very great activity in the Order, I consider it in a very healthy condition, and gradually growing more so every year, and I think a very creditable increase will be shown since our last Conclave.

The Grand Commandery attended devotional services in the evening. The order of the service is given in full.

The second evening the work of the Order of the Temple was exemplified by Georgia Commandery No. 1.

Sir Knight Hall again makes the Report on Correspondence. His report is full and entertaining. It is on the following excellent plan:

In submitting a review I desire to state that I have been mindful of two things: To avoid giving offense and to confine my remarks within the bounds of economical space.

Our Conclaves in 1892 are fully and favorably reviewed.

The proceedings of the Grand Encampment are very favorably commented on, especially the Ritual.

The following is from his conclusion:

From the proceedings reviewed by us, we are happy to report the Order in a harmonious and flourishing condition. Every one seems delighted with the final settlement of the question of Ritual. Now let the matter of drill and uniform be likewise settled and made uniform, and there can arise naught in the way of a continuous harmony in the future. We close this report with the kindest feelings for our confreres.

Sir Washington P. Baldwin, Grand Commander.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1893.

Among the opening remarks of the Grand Commander, in his address, we find the following:

Owing to the seemingly inexcusable delay in the promulgation of the new Rituals, the work for the Templar year now closing is not what it would have been under ordinary circumstances. Work was held back as long as possible, and in some cases indefinitely postponed, because newly elected officers would not learn the old Ritual when they were daily expecting the new. Inspections were postponed from time to time, for the same reasons, and the most arduous duty of your Grand Commander has been trying to explain to the officers of Subordinate Commanderies why it took months to accomplish what, apparently, ought to have been done in as many weeks. But, notwithstanding this drawback, enough work has been done to show that this Grand Jurisdiction has taken no steps backward, some Commanderies doing more work than in previous years.

Brother Conner, quoted by us in reviewing Tennessee, fully, and we think satisfactorily, explains the cause of the delay.

For so large a jurisdiction the following is a good report:

Your Committee on Grievances would fraternally report that no case of grievance has been presented to your committee for their con-

sideration. We congratulate the Grand Commandery upon the harmony and prosperity that prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction.

Sir John Corson Smith again makes the Report on Correspondence. The following is his opening:

In this, our Fifth Annual Report, we present a review of all the proceedings of Grand Commanderies and Great Priories with which we are in correspondence. A careful reading of the same shows conclusively that never before in the history of our Order, was there more work done or such a reign of peace and prosperity as now exists. No contention; no vexed questions—and with the settlement of the Ritual, so far as relates to the Red Cross Degree and the Order of the Temple, our energies may be devoted to the up-building of our Commanderies. Shall we have the Order of Malta to discuss next, or will it be the permanent location of the Grand Encampment? We await events, and when the questions arise, will try and present them with an aim single to the peace, advancement and permanent prosperity of our magnanimous Order.

Our Proceedings for 1892 receive complimentary notice. The Report is embellished with some fine pictures of Jerusalem and vicinity.

Sir Harvey M. Hall, Grand Commander.

Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1893.

In addition to the officers and representatives of Subordinate Commanderies there were present thirteen Past Grand Commanders and forty-nine Past Commanders.

Our representative, Sir Simon P. Gillett, is reported present.

After giving full statistics, the Grand Commander in his address, says :

It will be seen by these figures and reports, that all official machinery has been void of friction, and that the past year has been a very fruitful and healthy one as regards the affairs of our Order in this jurisdiction. The increase in membership is the largest since the organization of this Grand Body. You are to be congratulated on this magnificent showing. For myself, I feel a just pride in being able to say, that during my administration of the affairs of this Grand Commandery such pre-eminent success has attended us. It is an assurance that no discord has arisen, and that peace and harmony, those harbingers of justice and right, have prevailed in our ranks. But my pride and pleasure will be enhanced, if my successor in office can show a greater growth of our Templar band

when he shall lay down the official scepter. That this may be the case is my earnest hope and desire.' These figures show that an era of unprecedented success is with us. Let us each, Sir Knights, bend our best efforts and all our energies in the direction of placing new jewels in our Templar Crown, keeping in view the whole good of the Order by a selection of the fittest material, that nothing but gems of purest ray may find place in our Templar Order.

We give the following in full, although longer than we usually quote. We fully approve the Grand Commander's decision and action :

I declined to issue a dispensation for a Commandery to appear in public in full Templar costume on Memorial Day for the purpose of participating in the memorial services. I submitted as my reasons, the following: While fully in accord with the patriotism and grateful feeling of a nation toward the citizen soldiery who risked their lives and spilled their blood on many a hard-fought field in defense of that nation's flag and honor, and while I acknowledge no more ardent and zealous supporter of the claims of the American soldier than myself, I am unable to see in this what, under our law, can be termed a Masonic occasion. While the patriotic feeling that prompts the asking of a dispensation for the purpose named, stirs and warms my heart as one of the loyal supporters of this great Republic, who is proud to say that he was a member of that grand army whose fallen heroes' graves are yearly decked with nature's choicest flowers in token of a nation's gratitude, I regret that I am compelled to decline to issue the dispensation asked for. Let us rather, Sir Knights, lay aside our Templar garb, and as citizens show our regard for those who offered the sacrifice of their lives upon the altar of their country's salvation, remembering that no prouder title comes to us than to be able to say, I am a citizen of the Republic.

Of his official visitations, he says :

It has been my good fortune to visit several of the Commanderies of this jurisdiction during my year of service, and in all such visits the utmost courtesy and Knightly consideration were accorded me. My only regret at this time is that I can not say that I have visited each and all the thirty-six Commanderies comprising our Templar jurisdiction. To those not visited I desire to say that the loss is mine. I would here commend the general spirit of loyalty to this Grand Body that has been exhibited on all these occasions. With no desire to be fulsome in praise, but simply to do the Commanderies justice, as well as to spur them to even better rendering of the work, I am compelled to say that generally the work was better performed, and a closer attention given to details than I have heretofore noticed.

While sorry to miss the presence of Sir Knight Ruckle, we concur most fully in recognizing the valuable work of Sir Knight Bacon.

R. E. Sir Nicholas R. Ruckle finding it impossible to meet with the Committee on Ritual at Denver, notified me of the fact, and

while I regretted exceedingly the loss of so able, distinguished and accomplished a Ritualist and Templar as Sir Ruckle, it seemed to me that the interests of this Body demanded that this jurisdiction have such Representative present with the committee. I therefore nominated to the Grand Master, who approved the appointment, R. E. Sir Duncan T. Bacon, P. G. C., who accepted the trust and promptly repaired to Denver, and I am quite sure rendered valuable service on the committee.

The following is so fully in line with what we have often said about attendance at the business meetings of the Grand Encampment, that we call attention to it :

Your Grand Commander feeling that it was a duty he owed his jurisdiction, was present during the entire session of the Grand Encampment, and while he does not feel that any special praise is due him for simply performing his duty, he does feel that much more could be accomplished in Grand Encampment, if all entitled by law to seats therein exercised their prerogative.

Past Grand Commander Ruckle again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is full and complete, especially his statistics. He gives a review of the Grand Encampment, specially approving the Ritual.

Sir Simeon S. Johnson, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Smythe, re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA- 1893.

Grand Commander Soule, in opening his address, says:

It is with the greatest pleasure I welcome you to this, our Thirtieth Annual Conclave. The year has been one, if not of unalloyed pleasure, of tranquility and prosperity. Our prosperity is phenomenal, a steady growth and unity of purpose characterizing each Commandery.

Templar Park seems to have passed the experimental stage and now to be an assured success:

From the time of the appointment of a committee, in 1883, to consider the advisability of purchasing a permanent "camping ground" for the Templars of Iowa, to the present Conclave, more or less time has been occupied annually in considering this question and of the improvements to be made. In very many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions the enterprise has been closely watched, criticised and commented upon.

For the successful carrying out of our plans, and the very judicious manner in which the funds appropriated for the enterprise have

been expended, much credit is due to the very efficient Board of Trustees. For the success of this undertaking there is no longer room for doubt. The result of their endeavors is before you, and, although it has entailed a great deal of time, trouble and personal expense, yet, through their efforts, every Iowa Templar can to-day point with pride to a home, located upon one of the most beautiful spots in Iowa, dedicated to the Masonic fraternity, their families and friends.

The committee on the Grand Commander's address reported on this subject as follows, the report being adopted:

We most heartily endorse every word of our Grand Commander in reference to our beautiful home on Spirit Lake, and believe the time has arrived when our Grand Commandery should make Templar Park its permanent home, where our annual Conclaves should be held during our "Festal week" (second week in July), regardless of when and where the Grand Encampment holds its Triennial Conclave. Your committee present this thought for your consideration.

Sir Knight Coxe makes the Report on Correspondence. From his opening we take the following:

We find everywhere peace and harmony; no fleck of cloud gives token of storm either past or prospective. The action of the Grand Encampment in the adoption of a national Ritual is generally hailed with pleasure, and several jurisdictions have followed the course of Iowa in anticipating the date fixed at Denver for its use. The praise of Colorado hospitality during the Triennial has been general and generous.

We find evidence of healthful growth in numbers and in intelligent devotion to the characteristic principles of the Order. Ethical questions find quite as frequent place in discussion as do those concerning statute or ceremonial. The general trend of thought is toward higher ideals of character and conduct. This is an encouraging omen. The age of true chivalry has not passed.

In reviewing our Proceedings for 1892, he is very complimentary; for which, thanks.

His report is largely in his own language; very few extracts.

From his conclusion we quote:

We congratulate our Fraters everywhere on the growth and prosperity of our Order. The banner is full high advanced, and the chivalric standard is nobly sustained by the splendid army—nearly one hundred thousand strong—which knows "no north, no south, no east, no west," but vies in noble achievement for human welfare.

Sir Washington I. Babb, Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred Wingate, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1893.

The Grand Commander pays a compliment to those present :

I feel that I may be pardoned for the sensations of pride that are mine for the honored privilege of this occasion. I look upon the faces of scores of men who are prominent in their respective communities—men who are identified with every great and good work calculated to advance the interest of this great commonwealth—an enterprising, tireless, patient, hopeful class of citizens, whose penates have found abode upon the fertile prairies of Kansas.

A public exhibition drill was given, but by reason of a rain storm, only a part of the programme was carried out.

The several Masonic Home committees arrived at the following conclusion :

That the Grand Lodge should father the enterprise and institution when established, and in its management and control should have a majority of the board of directors, and that, in the articles of incorporation, there should be seventeen directors, all to be Master Masons or members of the Eastern Star, appointed by the Council of Administration of their respective bodies, nine of whom shall be from the Grand Lodge, two from the Grand Chapter, two from the Grand Commandery, two from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and two from the Order of the Eastern Star, these directors to be appointed so as to secure an annual appointment of a portion of the directors.

A permanent fund is to be provided by contributions from the various bodies and from individuals.

Considerable space is given by the Grand Commander in his address to the life and work of the late John H. Brown, Past Grand Commander, and for many years Grand Recorder. A committee made a full report also. If our space would permit we would give it in full. We give only the statement of his later Masonic work:

Since the date of his removal to Kansas, his name has prominently appeared in the printed proceedings of every Masonic Grand Body held in the State. In 1865 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, and served in that capacity with marked ability for three years. In 1873 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council, which office he filled for two consecutive years. In 1871 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, succeeding R. E. Grand Commander William O. Gould, who was the first Grand Commander of Kansas Knights Templar. In 1871 he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas; in 1880, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kansas; in 1871, 1872 and 1877, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Kansas; in 1877, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Kansas; and

from these respective dates he continuously wielded the pen in the Southeast corner of these Grand Bodies, with great ability, until death paralyzed his hand.

A true and pure man, a faithful and sincere friend, a courteous and truly Christian Knight, loved and revered by all who knew him, has passed from earth's pilgrimage to the asylum of Eternal Rest.

"How brief this drama of our life appears!
The good die not! This heritage they leave—
The record of a life in virtue spent;
For our own loss at parting, we may grieve;
Lives such as theirs build their own monument."

Grand Recorder Byington makes the Report on Correspondence.

Our proceedings for 1892 are fully and fairly reviewed. The report shows careful and painstaking work.

Sir Clark Gray, Grand Commander.

Sir Dwight Byington, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY - 1893.

The Forty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar, was held in the large room of the hotel at Mammoth Cave, Edmonston county, Kentucky, commencing Wednesday, May 17, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775, at 11 a. m.

On account of the locality there was no Grand Procession formed; but the Knights Templar "*Office of Public Worship*" was conducted by Sir Knight Reginald Heber Thompson, Grand Prelate, who delivered an eloquent sermon in his usual impressive and earnest style.

The sermon is given in full.

Grand Commander Fisk makes a full address. The last Triennial receives particular attention.

Speaking of the Masonic Home he says:

Financial aid must be given this institution. The endowment must be increased. Success is assured. Our acts of charity and deeds of pure beneficence have spread our fame both far and wide, but more is now demanded at our hands. Others have seen and copied our work. Our example is being imitated by other Grand Jurisdictions, and Masonic Homes are springing up in other, and in many places. The Christian religion, which we profess, has made these homes possible. The practice of the Christian virtues we teach, demands that our love go out towards the poor, the needy, the distressed and the innocent. Let us, Sir Knights, be up and doing!

Brother Woodruff again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is very carefully prepared.

Our Proceedings for 1892 have full and complimentary notice. For this and kindly personal mention, thanks.

To show the difference in feeling that may exist regarding any decision or question, we give a very long extract from this Report which we find under the head of the Grand Encampment. To our mind the decision seems proper and right and offers no reason for "jealous apprehension" or alarm:

Not the least important legislation was the action of the Grand Encampment upon an appeal from the position of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska in designating what bodies are legitimate and regular in Masonry. After rejecting a most able, lucid and fair minority report, presented by Past Grand Master Hopkins, the views of the majority of the Committee on Jurisprudence were endorsed, as follows:

We are of the opinion that Grand Lodges have full power to determine, each for itself, the legitimacy of any bodies claiming to be Masonic, and to determine the status of those who may belong to such organizations; and we are further of opinion that whenever Grand Lodges shall act in this regard, the Commanderies in each Grand Lodge Jurisdiction are bound, and must be governed by such Grand Lodge action and abide thereby without any legislation on the part of Commandery or Grand Commandery. Any legislation by Grand Commanderies on such matters after action by Grand Lodge is unnecessary; and, therefore, there existed no necessity for the adoption of said resolution by the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, and the same was superfluous, the Grand Lodge having acted in the matter.

The above declaration involves two very important principles: First, as to the authority of a Grand Lodge to act upon such a question when the degrees over which it justly claims exclusive control are not in jeopardy, we shall not again discuss, as the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has already decided that in the affirmative.

The second point, which places new restrictions upon Commandery membership, is more seriously important to Templary, in that it encroaches upon the autonomy of the Commandery, which was already more than sufficiently hampered in the selection and retention of its own members.

We view with jealous apprehension any concessions to the fashions of the hour, to the uncertain if not ephemeral popularity of extraneous attractions in the grave matter of Grand Encampment legislation that may open the way to impair the dignity and destroy the usefulness of the Commandery and diminish the privileges of its individual members. As any such untoward circumstances, however, are not likely to follow this act of the Grand Encampment, and as it removes from the sphere of the Grand Commanderies a subject pregnant with mischief and dissension, it is highly gratifying to know that at last definite results have been obtained.

We accept the settlement of this obnoxious question with a good grace, fully realizing that we should be the last among the members of the Grand Encampment to criticise its action in the premises, when we remember that we failed in the effort to bring about a discussion of this very subject at a former Triennial Conclave.

We quote the following, and an added pathos is given when we remember that Sir Innes passed away shortly after it was written, leaving Brother Woodruff sole survivor.

Two decades, two-thirds of a generation, have passed away since we first assumed the position of a Templar Correspondent, and of those then occupied with similar labors but Sir Knight Innes, of Michigan, alone remains to bear us company, our former companions having been called away, the greater part of them by death. Year after year, in the almost imperceptible flight of time, we have been called upon to mourn the loss of one after another of these dear friends, and even at the writing of this Report, to record with poignant grief the inevitable summons of the brilliant and amiable Hornor, of Louisiana:

"His memory long will live alone
In all our hearts, as mournful light
That broods above the fallen sun
And dwells in heaven half the night."

It is gratifying to realize that during this score of years our beloved Order has so greatly widened its sphere of usefulness, and has been blessed with so much prosperity, having increased its membership one hundred per cent. in the United States, and showing even a larger gain in this jurisdiction. It is only reasonable to expect that our Order will continue to increase its strength and influence, calmly pursuing its mission of peace and good will to men, and steadfastly teaching from its lofty position, so distinct from ecclesiasticism, the plain and simple lessons drawn from the Christian religion, and enjoining upon its votaries the practice of the Christian virtues.

Sir Thomas J. Flournoy, Grand Commander.

Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger, re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1893.

Grand Commander Alston says :

The condition of the Bodies is fairly good, and in evidence of the peace and harmony prevailing I need only say that during the year I have not been called upon to render a single decision.

The death of Sir Knight Hornor was the occasion of a special order, and appropriate resolutions were adopted. His official services relating to the Grand Encampment are stated as follows :

Sir Knight Joseph Potts Hornor was four times Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery, in 1869 and 1870; for the Triennial year 1874, when the Grand Encampment met in New Orleans,

and in 1883, when it held its conclave in California. He first attended the Grand Encampment in 1865, and every Grand Conclave thereafter, until the last, in 1892, and held the position of Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment of the United States from 1874 to 1887.

Sir Charles F. Buck, Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1893.

At the opening we find the following without any *ruling* or anything further said about it:

The Grand Recorder asked for a ruling as to whether or not Past Grand Officers and Past Commanders, removed from the State but retaining membership in their old Commanderies, should be stricken from the roll?

We answer: Certainly not.

Grand Commander Shaw in speaking of the sessions of the Grand Encampment, truly says:

The sessions of the Grand Encampment were exceedingly interesting, as well might be expected from its composition and the objects to be considered, embracing as it did some of the brightest minds from all over our fair land, all imbued with an earnest and sincere love for our order, and, in spite of the many outside attractions which the fraters and citizens generally had so generously provided for the entertainment of the visitors, were fully attended.

Speaking of the adoption of the Ritual, he says, and we fully concur:

We of Maine may take just pride in the accomplishment of so great a result, from the fact that we are honored by having the chairman selected from our jurisdiction, and the result, so far reaching, will always remain a source of gratification to him and his co-laborers, and a lasting testimonial to their ability and love for our illustrious and magnanimous Order.

The action of the Grand Encampment, which Brother Woodruff views with some alarm, seems to meet his approval:

The Grand Encampment went on record in an appeal from Nebraska, that Grand Lodges have the right to decide what is legitimate Masonry, and that when action is taken Grand Commanderies are bound by such decision.

Sir Knight Berry in opening his Report on Correspondence, refers very kindly to Sir Knights Woodruff and Innes:

As the chairman commenced his service in this department in the centennial year, this is his eighteenth annual report. Although the path he has come seems somewhat long to look back upon, it has been a very pleasant one, and he has found many flowers in the way. Of the seventeen correspondents whose work he reviewed in 1876, at least five have died, ten have dropped out, and two remain—Innes, of Michigan, who commenced in 1872, and Woodruff, of Kentucky, who commenced in 1874. There are more than twice as many correspondents now in the field, but there are also more than twice as many Templars in the country.

As usual, his report is full and complete. Particular attention is given to statistics.

Sir Horace H. Burbank, Grand Commander.

Sir Stephen Berry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1893.

A special Conclave was held in September, and the new Masonic Temple in Baltimore was dedicated with appropriate and impressive ceremonies.

The proceedings are given in full.

Grand Commander Ruby, in his address at the regular Conclave, says:

Little has occurred throughout the Templar year save routine work, so that the administration of the duties of Grand Commander have been most pleasant.

Of the new Temple he says, and we join in the congratulations:

The festivities attending the consecration of this Asylum closed an occasion of the highest importance to the Templars of Maryland, in that they were rehabilitated in their new and gorgeous apartments, constructed with especial care and great cost, in order that they should be not only the most convenient, but the handsomest of the kind in the United States. I sincerely congratulate you upon these auspicious events. May the demon of fire never again enter these fire-tried walls to drive us out into the world.

Sir Knight Gorgas, again makes a full Report on Correspondence. Our jurisdiction receives very kindly notice.

Sir James P. Clark, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—1893.

At the regular semi-annual Conclave, a Triennial Committee was appointed for next year.

We have heretofore noticed the large number of Past Commanders present at these meetings. The same thing is noticeable this year at the regular Conclave—more than half the members are Past Commanders:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following members, representatives and proxies present:

Grand Officers.....	18
Past Grand Officers.....	9
Eminent Commanders.....	32
Generalissimos.....	26
Captains General.....	14
Past Eminent Commanders.....	135
Proxies.....	4

Total number of votes..... 238

The Grand Commander says:

The report of this Grand Body now presented, marks the close of another year, the eighty seventh in its history. In reviewing its events as connected with Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction, we have substantial grounds for congratulation and encouragement.

The year now closing has been one of growth and prosperity, characterized by harmony of feeling and action in our deliberations, and a spirit of loyalty and fidelity to the principles and interests of our beloved Order.

These peaceful and united relations call for grateful acknowledgement and should inspire us with bright hopes for the future.

He recommends abolishing the semi-annual Conclave. We think it would be an improvement:

In view of the fact that the growing activities of our Order demand more time for consideration of its business at our annual Conclave, I would suggest for your consideration the expediency of dispensing with the semi-annual of this Grand Body, and recommend the holding of a two days' session at our annual Conclave.

It was referred to a Special Committee, but we do not find any report. It will probably be adopted next year.

Sir Knights Rugg and Finch jointly make the Report on Correspondence, covering ninety-five closely printed pages. It is an excellent report and shows a great deal of work. Of their mode of working jointly they say:

As related to the arrangement for dual work in preparing this report it may be said that each member of the committee has found

ample employment for his spare hours in reading the eighteen or twenty volumes of proceedings that came under his examination, and in reviewing the same according to their deservings. The printed transactions grow more bulky year by year, and each of the committee whose names are subscribed to this report has turned several thousand pages of published proceedings, reports, etc., in doing the work of a reviewer as herewith shown. The examination of proceedings is in itself no light task. Then, also, there must be some exercise of thought in treating important topics; authorities must be consulted; statements verified; and a work of analysis, selection and arrangement performed, for which time and some degree of mental aptitude are requisite, while the value of such work of review will be augmented by the Masonic and Templar knowledge shown in its production—a knowledge to be gained only by diligent study and long experience.

There is certainly a great deal of work done in preparing a Report on Correspondence.

The following happily expresses the generally happy condition of our Order at the present time:

We appreciate the fact that it is our privilege to hold a reviewer's pen at a time when the conditions that affect Templary are of a generally auspicious character. We address our report, primarily, to a strong and influential jurisdiction, wherein we rejoice that our lines have fallen. But we also speak for and to the illustrious Order wherever established, and have a glad and grateful feeling for all its glory of past achievements, its present resources, its prospects and opportunities of increasing honor and usefulness. And we also have in thought our brothers, the correspondents representing different Templar jurisdictions, a noble band of workers with whom we are glad to be associated, and to whom we proffer the greeting that comes warm from the heart and charged with kind wishes for each and for all.

Our proceedings are fully reviewed with some dissent pleasantly expressed, but generally with approval.

We take the following from the closing of the report:

In writing the closing sentences of this report the trend of our thought is along several lines of earnest reflection. First of all we are conscious of a glow of satisfied feeling in view of what has been disclosed by this year's work of review, as regards the character, interests, and progress of Templary. Everywhere the tokens of prosperity appear. There is increase in numbers, resources and influence, to be noted, together with such harmony of relations in the several jurisdictions, and on the part of Grand Commanderies with the Grand Encampment, as are auspicious of the best results. Never were the signs of promise for our illustrious Order brighter than now! Never were the opportunities for augmented honor and usefulness so many and so great as at the present time!

And yet there are dangers which must be taken into account—tendencies that require to be checked—if our cherished institution is to maintain its present reputation and make desired advances.

The greatest danger is that the vital meaning of the Templar system may become obscured; that things of lesser value which should be considered only as adjuncts may take the place of essentials in the expression of Christian Knighthood. There is a tendency manifest in some quarters to represent the Templar institution merely as a decoration or ornament, to put the most of emphasis on its military features and its ability to make an attractive display, exalting it most that it can provide generously, even lavishly, for excursions, receptions and spectacular occasions of one sort and another. This tendency should be repressed—and other things of superior importance should never be relegated to the background.

We expect to be there:

We would express cordial salutations to all the members of the "Reportorial corps." As we think of you our heart responds to the throb of fraternal sympathy and grateful feeling. Our hope is that we may meet and clasp hands at the "Re-union" proposed to be held at the next Triennial in Boston.

Sir Charles C. Fry, Grand Commander.

Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1893.

Prior to opening, an eloquent address of welcome was made, which is given in full, with the response of the Grand Commander.

Grand Master McCurdy was present and made a short address.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address;

I believe our Order is steadily advancing, year by year, toward that high plain, yet in the distance, upon which it should stand. The lessons of Christian Knighthood are taking a deeper hold upon the hearts of our members, and I believe the records of the past year will show that Michigan Templars are doing their part to elevate the standard of this organization.

To our Order, the past year has been one of peculiar interest and of great importance. The Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave, that mighty gathering of Templar hosts from every part of this land of ours, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the great lakes to the gulf, has been held, and the eyes of the whole world have been directed to our organization.

He speaks very highly of the new Ritual.

It was found necessary to discontinue one Commandery, the proceedings regarding it being given under the head of Weak Commanderies.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight Innes. Like his former reports, it is full and complete. In fact, it is the most lengthy and at the same time carefully prepared report of the year. From his opening we take the following:

How stands the record of the year past, so far as it relates to Templar Masonry? That question will be answered as we travel through the several reports.

Some who were with us one year ago, and from whom we gleaned much that was instructive and pleasant, have left us, and their tongue is silent and their pen useless; they have passed the warfare of life; their time of penance is a thing of the past, and they have been admitted into the presence of the Great Commander and by Him received into full fellowship and crowned with the crown of immortal life. For one and all we drop a sympathetic tear, and hope when our time shall come that the record we leave behind may be as bright as that of those who have gone before.

Under the circumstances we feel we shall be pardoned for quoting the personal mention under his review of Colorado. We seldom refer to personal notices, but we appreciate the kindly spirit manifested, and now desire to tender thanks to one and all for the general kindly feeling so often expressed:

Our Report for 1891 receives fraternal mention from Sir Orahoo, and for kind words said of us we return thanks. He says that we threatened to "come and see him last August." We went, we saw, we were overwhelmed by the boundless hospitality of our western fraters, and especially are we grateful to Sir Orahoo for his kindness toward us during our pleasant sojourn in Denver; and never shall we forget our meeting with the Sir Knights of the corps reportorial.

Following are his closing words:

A careful review of the proceedings shows that our Order is steadily marching onward and upward—the reports from the several jurisdictions showing a healthy increase in numbers.

The "grim messenger" has reaped a rich harvest the past year, many valiant Knights of sister jurisdictions having been called to attend the Grand Conclave on high, there to receive the reward that awaits those who conquer in His name. We mourn with them in their deep sorrow, and extend to all our heartfelt sympathy.

With best wishes for one and all, our Report for 1893 is courteously submitted.

Sir Henry L. Anthony, Grand Commander.
Sir William P. Innes, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Since writing the foregoing the following sad announcement has been received. We say from our heart in the last kind words of our dear deceased brother, "we mourn with them in their deep sorrow":

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER.

STURGIS, MICH., August 9, 1893.

To all Knights Templar within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery:

"General Innes is dead" was the painful intelligence that flashed over the wires conveying the news to the Masons of Michigan. After a long illness, and days and nights of weary waiting, our beloved Grand Recorder surrendered to the "grim messenger" only after the "ammunition gave out." Surrounded by his family and friends his spirit peacefully took its flight on the morning of August 2, 1893, at the age of 67 years.

No word of mine can add to the glory of his great name. That he was a man and Mason beloved and honored, that he came and went among us and always received the hearty welcome his presence was sure to win, that he was a tower of strength and wisdom to the Masons of Michigan and to the world, are facts known to us all.

He sustained the sufferings of his last illness with the same sweet trust and confidence with which he met and conquered the ills of daily life.

"How sweet a life was his, how sweet a death.
Living to wing with mirth the weary hours,
Or with his genial tales the heart to cheer.
Dying to leave a memory, like the heath
Of summer, full of sunshine and of flowers,
A grief and gladness in the atmosphere."

What a noble life was here, full of manly virtue, humane, charitable and patriotic deeds. The name and memory of the "hero of Laverne" will be enshrined in the hearts of his friends and countrymen, and live in history long after his mortal remains shall have crumbled into dust, and shall prove to us an eternal heritage.

Right Eminent Sir William P. Innes was elected Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery at the Annual Conclave of 1860, serving in that capacity for one year. In 1871 he was elected as Grand Recorder of this Grand Body, holding the position continuously and faithfully until his death.

As a token of respect it is ordered that this notice be spread upon the records of all the Commanderies in this jurisdiction and also to be read at the head of the lines at the first regular conclave after the receipt of the same. It is also ordered that all Officers and Sir Knights wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of sixty

days from the promulgation hereof and that the Banners of the Grand Commandery and of the subordinate Commanderies be suitably draped for the same length of time.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery, the day and year above written.

ATTEST:

JOHN A. GEROW,

[SEAL]

Grand Recorder.

HENRY L. ANTHONY,

Grand Commander.

MINNESOTA—1893.

Grand Commander Hugo opens his address with the following picture:

Sir Knights: "When the shadows of the evening fall heavy on the heart of Nature," and we sit in a calm, retrospective mood, recalling the various incidents of the day; the disappointments and the realizations, the successes and the failures, the pleasures and the pain, the hope and the despondency, that at the time stood out in such sharp contrast, now seem to present a series of events that mark a well-rounded and harmonious epoch. When we watch the painter daub here, color there, at the beginning of the work of art, until it grates harshly on our sense of fitness, the seeming inconsistency, uselessness of the strokes and lines and the barbarity of the coloring make us wonder what horrid nightmare is being depicted. When the labors of the artist are brought to a close, however, and the picture is completed, from those same inconsistencies and barbarities come the living, breathing creation, the harshness blends into a perfection of color values and harmony of lines, and we find what we considered the crude, unnatural daubs to be the strongest points of the picture. In such a mood is this report written, and the petty annoyances, the disappointments, the failures, the occasional despondencies, are all so interwoven and mingled with the pleasures, the hopes, the successes, that the events of the Templar year now drawing to a close are as a beautiful picture, its shadows toning the bright spots only to make the harmony and beauty more nearly perfect, and if the artist can be assured of your approbation it will be perfection, so far as the effect on him is concerned, because he has done his best, and you are the judges.

The 25th Triennial is fully described, and the action of the Grand Encampment fully reviewed. The Ritual is especially commended.

The work of the Red Cross according to the new Ritual was fully exemplified.

Sir Knight Montgomery makes the Report on Correspondence. In his opening, speaking of the great amount of matter and number of reports from which he has selected, he says:

Of course it is impracticable for many of the grand or subordinate officers to call at the Grand Recorder's office and peruse these proceedings, to say nothing of the general membership. We only wish they could find time to do so. Now, with a knowledge of this fact, your committee has a duty to perform in the preparation of this report that taxes our ability not a little. It is to carefully read over this mass of printed matter and submit for the perusal of the Knights Templar of Minnesota so much thereof as we think will interest or edify them, remembering this time that owing to the low state of our finances we must endeavor to be brief. We therefore will seek to lay before you the substance of the business transacted, decisions rendered, addresses made, and reports and other papers submitted; in short, to review as best we may, the whole Templar field.

His report is on this model and well made.

The following is from his conclusion, and has full approval:

We greatly rejoice at the high standard set up by Grand Commanders and others in their addresses. If we adhere to the exalted principles of our order and of Him whom we profess to follow as our leader, guide and exemplar, we will surely justify our existence, and be a power for good wherever our influence is exerted.

Sir J. W. Nash, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI—1893.

The Grand Commander, in reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Encampment, says of the Ritual:

At the last Grand Encampment the vexed Ritual question received its quietus by the unanimous adoption of the report of the committee, and let us hope it will remain settled forever. The continued agitation of this question only breeds discord and cripples the usefulness of Subordinate Commanderies. Whether we like it or not, let us take it and be done with it. In the language of St. Paul, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you: but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment."

From the Grand Recorder's report we clip the following pleasant notice of his experience at the Triennial:

Your Grand Recorder was specially honored during one evening of the Conclave by a formal call from the other Grand Recorders attending Grand Encampment. Being the senior in service of all at Denver, I had enjoyed correspondence with some of these good fraters for a score of years, and it was exceedingly pleasant to hear their kind words for me personally, and for our jurisdiction.

We give the whole of Sir Knight De Lap's opening to his Report on Correspondence. It is characteristic of the report:

DEAR FRATERS: The undersigned Committee on Foreign Correspondence courteously submits the following facts, figures, clippings and remarks, as the result of his labors in this behalf. We beg to assure our brethren of the Guild that, although we are still unwell, and have not seen a day devoid of suffering since the commencement of the report, that our affliction is, in no wise responsible for any of the fulminations that may strike them as cranky or dyspeptic. We simply give voice to convictions of half a century's growth and observation in the light of God's Word, as it strikes us. We regret the somewhat loneliness of our situation, but deny, in toto, the charge that we consider all who do not concur in our views as fools. These matters are to be adjusted between us and the Judge of all the earth, and to Him we are all alike amenable. We claim the right to hold and freely express our own opinions, and we cheerfully accord the same latitude to the balance of the world. The light of Eternity will demonstrate who is in the right. God grant that those of us who make mistakes and wander from the right path, may see our error, repent, be forgiven and finally saved in Heaven.

With these few remarks, we move at once on the works of the Alabamians.

And this from his conclusion:

The Institution seems to be in a flourishing condition everywhere. Peace prevails universally. How the new, or Denver Ritual will suit, is yet in the womb of the future. Its adoption in the Grand Encampment is no surety of its acceptance by the rank and file. It seems to us it would have been better to stop at "Essentials," and allowed the different jurisdictions to exercise their own sweet wills in reference to the "Frills." The governing body, however, thought differently, and, as we can't help it, will cheerfully submit. "Cerneauism" is not cutting much of a figure, and will soon be dead and forgotten. Your committee stands almost alone in his opposition to Military Religion, but that does not matter.

Sir S. W. Ferguson, Grand Commander.

Sir J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1893.

The Grand Commander gives a full account of his official acts, showing a large amount of business transacted during the year.

From the report of a committee we take the following:

We are pleased to report that a gratifying increase in numbers has been found, while peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders.

The following also:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report that there has been nothing referred to them for their consideration.

Grand Recorder Mayo again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is his sixteenth. It is full and complete.

It is said many a truth in jest is spoken. This is particularly true of the following paragraph from his conclusion:

As we have selected every thing of general interest from the pamphlets before us, we hope our readers will peruse carefully the whole report, as we know it is interesting and well prepared, therefore we need no summary or elaborate conclusion

Sir Charles S. Glaspell, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Mayo, re-elected Grand Recorder.

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MONTANA—1893.

Grand Commander Aiken in opening his address strikes us in a vein where we can sympathize with him and his brethren, from recent experience:

We meet at the sixth annual Conclave under rather depressing circumstances. Owing to the financial stringency precipitated, as some of us fancy, by the over-exortions of those who sought to discredit the silver dollar, work has stopped and wages as well. Those who usually have money find it locked up in suspended banks, and the money in our treasuries has in many cases shared the same fate, so that the available cash is perilously close to the due point. However annoying and inconvenient these circumstances may be, they are as nothing compared with the great blessings of health and the thousand privileges we enjoy from living in this most enlightened

land—in this most enlightened age. Indeed, as we look around us and carefully enquire what has been lost, it would be hard to answer. Our mines, lands, herds, flocks, our houses and places of business, all remain as before, and we are brought to the conclusion that nothing is the matter but a temporary lack of confidence, occasioning a paralysis of business. Fraters, it is part of our business to restore and maintain that mutual confidence on which society, government and progress rest as their foundation.

He facetiously refers to the Grand Representative system as follows:

Our commissions run during good behaviour, and this is expected to continue and improve during life. If any of our Sir Knights straggle into or invade any of these jurisdictions and get arrested and put into the guard house they should apply to the Grand Representative.

During the session the work was exemplified according to the new Ritual.

The following is all we find on the particular subject named, but we presume the subject *matter* received proper *attention*.

Sir Neill announced that a banquet was awaiting the presence and attention of the Sir Knights in the adjoining room, to which all were cordially invited.

Grand Recorder Hedges again makes the Report on Correspondence. His review of the Grand Encampment is particularly full. We concur in the following:

We confess that we cannot see why it is or should be beyond the power of a Grand Master to heal one irregularly Knighted, or why it should require a unanimous request of the body that did the illegal or irregular work.

For some time we have been quiet on an old question that Brother Hedges now has his say about. It is hardly necessary to say we agree with him:

It does not satisfy our reason and sense of justice that a more rigid physical examination should be required for admission to our Order than to the Blue Lodge. It isn't necessary that a maimed or crippled Knight should turn out on every dress parade to mar the symmetry of the line of march. As to strength needed to endure pilgrimages, it is not always possessed in greatest measure by those of soundest limbs. There were not many stouter campaigners than Phil Kearney, and we could name them by the score. It might not be advisable to follow too strictly the example of our Lord and Master, who, when on earth, recruited the ranks of his followers

from the halt, the lame, blind, etc., but for the moral crusades that modern Templarism contemplates we submit that there are higher tests of qualification than the physical perfection.

From his conclusion:

And now with one creed, one faith, one hope and one Ritual we ought to have greater uniformity of zeal, charity and courtesy. There is greater and better work to be done than any yet achieved by ancient or modern Templars. There is little hope ever to get the Grand Lodges together. Like the churches, they think more of the little matters in which they differ, than of the larger ones in which they profess to agree. But the great Body of the Templars in this greatest nation of the world, composed of men of broader views and quicker sympathies are a compact body, with a power and influence of which they are as yet unconscious, but capable of great things. The time is not distant when their voice will be heard in a way that the world will heed it. For ourselves, we are looking for some great things to be achieved by the Templars that the nations of the earth will rise up and bless them for doing. Metaphorically speaking let us camp on the battlefield with our hands grasping our arms, ready for the fray when the bugle-blast to duty sounds.

Sir Albert L. Babcock, Grand Commander.
Sir Cornelius Hedges, re-elected Grand Recorder

NEBRASKA—1893.

The Grand Commander in his address says:

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity in the Order, due, no doubt, to the holding of the Grand Encampment almost at our very doors, and also to the fact that an abundant harvest has blessed our people, and, peace, happiness and prosperity reign within our borders.

The growth of the Order during the Templar year is something of which to be proud. The returns show a net gain of fourteen per cent., or a total of 1,580 Knights in good standing on the rolls February 28, 1893. This not only shows the growth of the Order, but shows that our Order is one that has the respect and confidence of the world at large. Let us strive, Sir Knights, to merit this confidence, and guard well the outer portals of our asylum.

The Report on Correspondence is a joint production:

The pleasure of reviewing the journals of the various Grand Bodies whose reports have reached your committee has been again divided, and for the review now submitted to you, each member is responsible only for his own portion of the work, as follows: From Alabama to Kentucky inclusive, Sir Samuel P. Davidson; from

Louisiana to North Carolina inclusive, Sir Frank E. Bullard; from North Dakota, the Grand Prelate, Sir Wm. T. Whitmarsh, who also is responsible for the remainder of the report.

The following is from the conclusion:

It is enough to say that unexampled prosperity seems to shine upon our banners from north to south, from east to west. No civil war wages within the Templar camp, and on every hand good men and true are stepping into our ranks to fill the places left vacant by those who have been called higher by the Great Captain whose name is our watch-word and whose cross is our glory and defense.

Sir William R. Bowen, Grand Commander.

The Grand Recorder elect, being absent was not installed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1893.

We take the following from the Grand Commander's address:

The duties of my office have been neither severe nor arduous. "Peace has been within our gates and prosperity within our borders." No jar of discord has reached my ears from this or any other jurisdiction.

At one of his official visitations we note the following:

To my great comfort, music and dancing were substituted for after-banquet speeches.

From the memorial report or eulogy of Sir Knight Fellows on the life of Sir John J. Bell, Past Grand Commander, we take one paragraph:

He was an able Masonic jurist, a skilful and accomplished ritualist, and a well-informed historian. There have been few members of the fraternity throughout the country possessed of such a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the history, laws, rituals and doctrines of Masonic institutions, in the various organizations; a knowledge not only of principle and theory, but eminently practical, with a power of generalization and application which made it useful to the fraternity. For nearly forty-four years he had been a Mason, and for more than forty-two years a member of our Knightly Order—an earnest, active, faithful, valiant and magnanimous Templar. No better record can be made; no more honorable position can be attained; no more eloquent and expressive eulogy can be pronounced.

Sir Knight Wait again makes the Report on Correspondence.

In his conclusion he very truly says:

We thus present to the consideration of our fraters of New Hampshire, and to such others as may deem it worth their while to give our work a perusal, our Fourth Annual Report on Correspondence. It embraces a review of the proceedings of thirty-seven sister Grand Templar bodies, besides those of the Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The period included has been one of universal harmony, nothing bearing the appearance of controversy having arisen either among Sir Knights or between sister jurisdictions. Some questions, indeed, have been raised which have led to discussion, relating to the law or better usage in the working of the Commanderies, but they have been rather local and sporadic than of any general or vital significance, and the manner of their treatment seems to have demonstrated rather a healthy solicitude for the general welfare than any desire to maintain personal preferences or preconceived opinions.

The Ritual of the Orders, a subject which has heretofore elicited much discussion, has finally been settled, and to the evident satisfaction of the great body of the fraternity, and in such a manner as to afford a just belief that it will not return as an element of disturbance. All indications encourage the belief that the future is fraught not only with prosperity to our noble Order, but with the usefulness of beneficent deeds.

Sir Charles C. Hayes, Grand Commander.

Sir Geo. P. Cleaves, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1893.

Grand Commander Muchmore in his address says:

It affords me much pleasure to report that within our jurisdiction, as well as throughout our happy land, peace reigns and prosperity abounds.

Our Representative, Sir F. G. Wiese, P. G. C., was present and, with others, received in proper form:

The Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near this Grand Commandery were introduced by R. E. Sir John H. Ackerman, and received by R. E. Sir I. L. Register.

Grand Recorder Bechtel again makes an excellent Report on Correspondence. From his conclusion:

This, our tenth report, is submitted to our fraters with the hope that it will meet with their approval. We observe, and take pleasure in stating the fact, that most of the reports are free from the

personalities that formerly seemed necessary on the part of some writers to emphasize their views. Please remember this, Sirs, that a man is not necessarily a bad man because he differs from you.

We have devoted some space to the proceedings of the Grand Encampment at its Triennial Conclave in Denver. It will be seen that the Ritual Committee made an unanimous report, and that the Ritual presented by them was unanimously adopted by the Grand Encampment, which would indicate that all differences of opinion had been reconciled, and a Ritual produced suiting all sections. That this may be so we earnestly hope.

Sir Warren Dobbs, Grand Commander.

Sir Charles Bechtel, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1893.

A welcome to the City of Buffalo was extended to the Grand Commandery by the Mayor, Past Commander Charles F. Bishop, and responded to by Grand Commander Gaul.

The Grand Commander says :

A year ago, Sir Knights, I called upon you to lift up the proud standard of Templarism and raise it higher. Nobly have you responded to the call, and the year has been one of unprecedented success. By your energy, activity and loyal devotion, our Order has increased in membership, financial strength and influence until it stands to-day the first Templar jurisdiction in the world. Throughout our State the utmost harmony prevails, and with other Grand Jurisdictions, with one little ripple, all is peace. For this great result I thank you, and for your loving co-operation in the work I can never be sufficiently grateful. We have reason to congratulate ourselves, and as we assemble now, upon the occasion of our Eightieth Annual Conclave, we can celebrate as it were a day of Jubilee.

The increase in our numbers in this Grand Jurisdiction during the year has been large, and reflects the greatest credit, Sir Knights, upon your activity and vigilance. Every Commandery in the State, with one or two exceptions, is larger than it was twelve months ago. The Grand Commandery of New York, for the first time in its history, bears now upon its roster the names of 10,018 active members, all valiant and magnanimous Knights of the Temple. To this number over 100 have been added since the close of the official year to date.

The question of permanently locating the Grand Commandery came up last year, and was referred to a special committee, to report this year. From the full report we quote one paragraph, with the information that the report was adopted, and the migratory feature continues. Probably under the circumstances it is best:

By the arrangement proposed we may as years roll on afford each Commandery in the State in turn the gratification of having a conclave of this Grand Body in its asylum, while the ties that unite us will be more closely drawn as by more immediate contact we become better acquainted with each other. Your Committee believe that the migratory meetings of the Grand Commandery which have been in existence for the past thirty-six years, have been of essential benefit to the Order. We have become "better acquainted with each other." Weak Commanderies have been strengthened, and strong Commanderies have been encouraged to greater efforts.

The Report on Correspondence by Sir Jesse B. Anthony is full and carefully prepared. From his opening we quote what he has to say about the Ritual :

It is a gratification to note the approval of the new Ritual, and we hope that its practical working may prove as satisfactory. From the well-known ability of the members of the Ritual Committee and the care and attention exercised in its revision, we have every confidence that it will be found of a character to commend it to all. Now that it has received the approval of the Supreme Body, it remains for the rank and file to fall into line, thereby not only ensuring uniformity, but also "a grand success."

Sir James W. Bowden, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert W. Macoy, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA 1893.

The Order seems to be flourishing. Grand Commander Southgate says :

From the large number of Sir Knights petitioning for dispensations to form new Commanderies and confer the Order out of the usual time, I infer that new interest is being taken in the various parts of our jurisdiction. From the best information obtainable in the absence of returns, I am satisfied that considerable advancement has been made all along the lines, and that a new impetus has been given to our Order.

Notwithstanding Sir Knight Blount's expressed determination to say good-bye last year, he again makes the Report on Correspondence. We note now that he has apparently left us for good. We wish him Godspeed.

In conclusion let us say, with love to all and malice towards none, we lay down the quill with a sense of relief, at being relieved of the appointment of Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, who could get no relief from those appointed with him on the Committee, though earnestly imploring it. A sense of sadness is mixed with

that of relief, for a separation from the association of co-laborers in the work, and the deprivation of the pleasure of reading the reports will be sorely felt. How often have we felt while reading the reports say of California or Illinois, that we were in the presence of the fraters whom we felt we already knew—particularly those whose pictures gave such a realistic sense of their presence. It was indeed a pleasure, and but for the inopportune time of meeting in the midst of Spring Circuit of Court, the pleasure would have been retained.

Sir Francis M. Moye, Grand Commander.

Sir Horace H. Munson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH DAKOTA—1893.

The Grand Commander makes a good report:

This has been a prosperous year for the Templars of North Dakota. The finances of the Grand Commandery are in most excellent condition—better than at any time in our history. All the Commanderies have added to their membership, with the best of material. Three dispensations to organize new Commanderies have been issued.

He joins in the general opinion favoring a uniform Ritual:

The Grand Encampment was in session four days, the most important transaction being the adoption of the new Ritual. It had been under consideration by the Committee on Ritual for three years, and was by that committee unanimously reported, and after consideration by the Grand Encampment was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence made a short report but not a review. We make a quotation:

Your committee, in his calmer mood, carefully went over the situation, and concluded that for a Grand jurisdiction containing only four chartered Commanderies, even a moderate review of all the sister jurisdictions, was a luxury not expedient at the present time. There are other necessary matters awaiting the action of this Grand Commandery, which will require considerable expenditure of money. The By-laws of this body are printed only in the proceedings of 1890. The edition of that year is nearly exhausted. I would, therefore, recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to have the matter above mentioned printed in proper form, at a price and number to be approved by whomsoever this Grand Commandery may select.

Our relations with other Grand Commanderies are harmonious. About the only quarreling ever done among the family of fraters is among reviewers, which, while interesting, is harmless.

Sir Roswell Knowlton, Grand Commander.

Sir Frank J. Thompson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1893.

Following is the first thing in the proceedings:

PRÆLUDIUM.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio, and the seventy-fifth of the establishment of the "mother Commandery" of the west—Mt. Vernon No. 1, of Columbus—were fittingly and enthusiastically celebrated at Columbus, October 10, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775, by a grand parade of the Grand Commandery and many of the Subordinate Commanderies of Knights Templars of Ohio, and a magnificent reception tendered to the Knights Templars of the Buckeye state by Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1.

At the opening of the Grand Commandery the mayor of Columbus delivered an enthusiastic address of welcome, as did also Sir Knight Kinsman for the pioneer Commandery, Mt. Vernon No. 1. It was a jubilee Conclave.

It was our fortune, good or otherwise, to have been born in Columbus a little over fifty years ago, but as we have no personal recollection of the place, we suppose we would be voted an outsider, nevertheless we join in the congratulations and claim some relationship. We are proud of Ohio.

From the Grand Commander's address we quote:

As this period marks an important epoch in the affairs of this Grand Commandery, it may not prove uninteresting to glance briefly at its history. The Grand Commandery of Ohio was organized in the town of Lancaster, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1843, by the representatives of five different encampments, namely: Mt. Vernon No. 1, Lancaster No. 2, Cincinnati No. 3, Massillon No. 4, and Clinton No. 5, representing a total membership of less than one hundred. The feeble organization of that period has grown to be an army of over seven thousand valiant Knights, with fifty-one chartered Commanderies and one U. D. At the time of our organization this vast state was a commonwealth of small cities, towns and villages, with a sparse population, separated by long distances, traversed by almost impassable roads. Now large cities and populous towns are dotted all over the state, with swift steam communication in every direction throughout its boundaries; and our population, wealth and commerce place us fourth in rank among the great states of the Union. During this period of progress our Grand Commandery has kept even pace with the growth of our state, and ranks numerically among the Grand Commanderies of the Grand Encampment, U. S. A., as does our state among the states of the Nation.

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail and that prosperity has crowned all our labors.

Certainly:

I declined four requests for Commanderies to appear in public in Templar uniform for the purpose of participating in the celebra-

tion of Columbus Day, holding that it could not, under our law, be construed as a Masonic occasion, and that members of our Order could give better expression to their patriotism in their character as citizens, than by contributing to the pageantry of the occasion by wearing the uniform of Knights Templars.

Clandestine Masonry, that is the heading in the address, receives considerable attention, but nothing new is evolved.

The committee on the Ohio Masonic Home reports total collections of over seventy thousand dollars, and the expenditures about half this amount.

A historical sketch of the Grand Commandery is made by Sir D. N. Kinsman. It is interesting throughout, but available space does not allow us to give it in full, and we can not do it justice by quotation.

And now comes Brother Carson with his Eighteenth Report on Correspondence.

Colorado for 1892, receives very kindly notice.

He devotes twenty-five pages to:

The National Ritual of the Orders of Knight of the Red Cross and Knight Templar. Historical sketch of its first authentic record, beginning at San Francisco in 1883, its adoption in St. Louis in 1886, the proposed revision at Washington in 1889, and the adoption of the revision at Denver in 1892, with a review of the Revised National Ritual as adopted at Denver.

We can not quote much of it, but give one paragraph. We are willing to give Brother Carson all the honor he claims, that of being the compiler of the first ritual adopted by the Grand Encampment—the "National Ritual."

We have given this history in detail to this point, our purpose being to show that the NATIONAL TEMPLAR RITUAL WAS ADOPTED AT ST. LOUIS IN 1886. We said then and we have said since that the National Ritual had come to stay. Our prediction has proven absolutely true, the National is with us to-day. The Constitution of the United States was adopted in 1789; it has been amended since, very materially in some respects, but it is the same old Constitution of 1789. It came to stay, has staid, is staying. So our National Ritual was adopted at St. Louis. It was revised, or what we may be pleased to call it at Denver in 1892, but it remains the NATIONAL RITUAL. *The fight was made, the victory won in St. Louis, not unanimous then, but made so in Denver.*

We give another paragraph to show that what we said last year, namely, that Brother Carson would approve the ritual, was and is correct.

Altogether Ohio has reason to feel satisfied with what was done at Denver—the National Ritual of the United States, and the right of Grand Lodges and Grand Commanderies to discriminate against irregular, self-styled Masonic organizations, both Ohio ideas, having been so unequivocally, so overwhelmingly adopted. We are satisfied!

He also gives a very complete history of the organization of the Grand Encampment. It is a continuation of a paper given by him on the same subject last year. It is for the purpose of combating a position taken, or certain statements made by Past Grand Master Hopkins. It is a good article, for, as you know, Brother Carson does his best work generally, fighting somebody or something. Leave out the deprecatory part in the following paragraph from his closing and we most fully concur in the remainder:

And now, dear reader, if you have accompanied us so far, we will take our leave in the beautiful words with which Eugene Sue ended his great work—the Wandering Jew.

"Our task is accomplished; our work is done. We know how incomplete, how imperfect is this book. We know how deficient is its style, conception, plot. But we think we have the right to say of this work that it is honest, conscientious, and sincere."

Sir Henry P. McIntosh, Grand Commander.

Sir John N. Bell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON—1893.

From the Grand Commander's address:

The condition of the Order is a subject on which I desire to congratulate you: prosperity and harmony are apparent in every Subordinate Commandery. The number upon the roll of members within this Grand Jurisdiction has increased, and there seems to be a laudable ambition among officers and members in each Subordinate Commandery to comply with the laws and regulations established for the government of our noble Order.

Just before adjournment we find the following:

Sir Knight L. N. Ronev, Generalissimo of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, in behalf of his Commandery, extended an invitation to the Grand Commandery and its guests, to attend a banquet immediately after adjournment. It is needless to say the hospitality of Ivanhoe No. 2 was unanimously accepted.

Sir Knight Hodson, Grand Commander elect, again makes an excellent Report on Correspondence. Speaking of our mutual friend De Lap, he says:

We think if he would attend a Triennial, and go with his Commandery to church a time or two and get a little "armed religion" and "dress-parade piety," his rheumatism would get better. In fact, that's just what he needs to make him the ideal Templar.

His conclusion is good and we give it entire:

And now, dear fraters, our work is finished. The Report is for you. Its object is to bring you into closer touch with the fraters of other jurisdictions, telling you as best we can of their welfare, of their successes or failures, of the labors, teachings and triumphs of the valiant and magnanimous Orders in other and fruitful fields; and we rejoice to say that kindly greetings and cheering words come to us from all quarters of the Templar world; lively assurances of the most wonderful material prosperity, and abundant evidences of a large growth in that culture which ever leads toward the better life and a nearer approach to the true Templar's idea of a perfect manhood.

The Templar host of America is just rounding out its hundred thousand swords, and it is just cause for rejoicing to know that where-soever dispersed, each band of the true and trusty is laboring with success for the spread and maintenance of the principles we profess; and as the years go by fulfilling more and more perfectly the Apostolic ideal of pure and undefiled religion before God the Father, by visiting the widow and the fatherless in their affliction and keeping themselves unspotted from the world; not in the sense of a withdrawal therefrom, but that the world may be bettered by each Knightly courtesy, and instructed in its higher duties by the influence and example of each Knightly life. In this spirit and to these ends, Sir Knights, let us bend our best energies.

Sir John M. Hodson, Grand Commander.

Sir James F. Robinson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1893.

From the Grand Commander's address we take the following encouraging report :

The year has been one of abundant activity and prosperity, and this Grand Commandery still remains in the same proud pre-eminence which it before attained. The reports of our Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer will present to you in detail the facts which assure our success in numbers and in financial condition, and I am specially pleased to record the fact that the term now closing has witnessed no violations of the law calling for any interference, censure or discipline.

We take pleasure in quoting what he has to say about the Ritual :

The absorbing question of our Ritual was fully met and satisfactorily determined. The labors of the committee to which the work had been allotted, at Washington in 1889, were full, careful and complete. The eloquent presentation of the report by R. E. Sir Connor was followed by an adoption of the work without a dissenting voice, and I noted, with satisfaction, that those who in previous years were most troubled with objections and criticisms were among the foremost to applaud the happy result. This Grand Body owes its thanks to R. E. Sir Lee S. Smith for his faithful service as its representative on that committee. The mention of his name is to you all a sufficient assurance of judicious, unselfish and earnest participation.

The officers-elect were publicly installed. An elaborate programme was prepared and carefully carried out. The eloquent address of the Grand Commander is given in full.

Grand Recorder Meyer again makes the Report on Correspondence. We quote from his opening :

We are daily reminded by little instances of the passage of time, but it is the more forcibly impressed upon the one who writes the Report of Correspondence of either the Grand Lodge, Chapters, Councils or Commanderies. It was with considerable relief when the pen was put aside a year ago and the signature appended and the copy handed to the printer and the result of criticism awaited. And now a year has passed, we open the proceedings as received, scan closely for the items of interest, the eye resting for the instant on the name recorded as dead of those prominent in the Order of the Temple, the tear of friendship and sympathy swells up in the eye, and memory recalls quickly the times we met, never here to meet again, and human like we pass on, leaving the dead, and we speak of the living.

There is one thing we know, we have grown older than when we wrote our first report twenty-five years ago, and our views have changed somewhat, but we still have the same love and veneration for Freemasonry and the Order of the Temple.

He devotes a couple of pages to a very pleasant and complimentary description of "The Reunion of the Mutuels" at Denver in 1892.

A paragraph from his conclusion :

Before closing, would say a few words as to what is going on in our sister jurisdictions. Never before has there been such widespread prosperity and contentment as at present; never such a desire manifested for uniformity; never before have the writers of Templar correspondence so tempered down their remarks and criticisms as at the present time.

Sir Charles C. Baer, Grand Commander.
Sir Mont. H. Smith, Grand Recorder.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1893.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The Sir Knights of this jurisdiction have great reason for congratulation upon the prosperous condition of our beloved Order.

The business transacted was of a local interest and we find little to report. There was no Report on Correspondence.

Sir George H. Rothman, Grand Commander.

Sir W. H. Holt, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1893.

Of Memphis, the place of meeting, the Grand Commander truly says:

We are again assembled, after a lapse of many years, in this beautiful city of our beloved Southland. Though these many years have been added to her crown, yet she has not become hoary with age, but like old wine, has renewed her youth with each returning year. She is beautiful to look upon, as she nestles on the bluff of that grand old river, the mighty Mississippi. Celebrated in commercial circles for her push, energy and thrift, yet above the sordid desire for wealth, she shines as a star of first magnitude among her neighbors for that whole-souled hospitality, brotherly love and kindly greeting characteristic of her Masonic fraternity, and which may well be emulated by other cities. I predict a generous welcome that I know from former experience will befall you, while sojourning here during this, the thirty-first annual Convocation of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee.

With a tinge of sadness in view of the fact of Sir Connor's death since this annual Conclave, we give the following from the Grand Commander's address:

I regard the adoption of the Ritual as one of the most important of the Grand Encampment's actions. I have had the honor to be present in many of its Councils, and for years have heard the wrangling over Ritual, witnessing many stormy scenes; so many that I feared it would be an impossibility to adopt anything that all would agree on. But when I witnessed that grand scene, when for two hours or more the Encampment was almost as still as death, heard the delivery, or rather exemplification, of the work by Sir Knight Connor, as secretary of the Ritual Committee, and then saw it adopted almost without the dotting of an i or the crossing of a t, I tell you I felt that it was well worth going the many weary miles

that I did to hear and see all. And I must attribute much of this, without fulsome flattery, to Sir Knight Connor, for the masterly and charming manner in which he exemplified the work of the committee. Connor only could have done it so well, and may he live long enough to see the fruit of his good work.

In the Recorder's Report Brother Connor has the following to say of his excellent Report on Correspondence:

I had my annual Report on Correspondence mailed to the members of the Grand Commandery on May 1st, hoping that each would find ample leisure to read its pages, and be ready to decide in time if it contains any sentiments antagonistic to the principles of Templary, or the wishes of this Grand Commandery. I have given to the report my best efforts, and have gathered into the storehouse all the treasures of thought found in the annuals that pass under review. I have tried to put the same in such form and phrase as will enlist your interest and afford you pleasure. You will decide in how far I have succeeded, and with your decision I am always content.

Of the delay in the promulgation of the Rituals he truly says:

These Rituals are being prepared under the supervision of the chairman of the Ritual Committee, Sir Joseph A. Locke, P. G. C., Portland, Maine. The work is being done with great care and accuracy, and when the work is completed it will be as free from errors as human carefulness could make it. The volumes will also be models of the typographic art.

There has arisen a storm of complaint all over the country at what is thought to be unnecessary delay in the promulgation of these revised Rituals. It is due the exceedingly cautious and painstaking chairman to say that in no respect has he delayed the promulgation. The committee live in San Francisco, Portland, Me., Palmyra, N. Y., Chicago, Covington, Ky., and Chattanooga. Every line of the MSS. and every proof of the print, must be passed upon by each member. The Grand Encampment left it to the committee to perfect the Report made to it, and this duty was not discharged without much correspondence. The committee is as anxious to give the Rituals to the Order as the Order is to receive them. But no amount of complaint nor condemnation will induce that committee to swerve from the line they have drawn. The Order must possess its soul in patience. The volumes may reach it by midsummer, and when they do appear they will be nearly perfect. And to Chairman Locke will the credit of these splendid volumes be due.

We take another paragraph from his Report, with approval:

Discipline is a necessity in a Commandery. I do not mean penal discipline, but Asylum discipline during the conduct of the Work. The Commander should preserve strict decorum during the ceremonies, and be lenient during the dry business transactions. He should require each officer to learn his part, so as to be always ready to perform the same with accuracy, appreciation and dignity. The

rehearsals should be rigidly enforced, and soon their answers and manoeuvres will be a pleasure. Everything should be done decently and in order, no "short forms," no "omittings;" always dark clothing and proper equipments when at work.

We are glad to notice this evidence of prosperity of the right kind:

It is cause for gratitude, the decided advancement witnessed in all the Asylums. The halls are neat, the paraphernalia is excellent, the apartments are sufficient, and the appearance of the fraters is all that can be desired—ninety per centum of the Order being now fully equipped. Ten of the Commanderies have been taught the Rituals adopted at Denver, and are working the same most satisfactorily.

From the opening of Brother Connor's Report on Correspondence we clip the following. It expresses the spirit and purpose which should govern the preparation of these Reports:

The Reports which it is our honor to be permitted to make for Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery are written with an eye single to the instruction and edification of my brethren of Tennessee. If the author is prominent at times the necessity is inevitable. We never publish the kind comments of our brethren of the Guilds, nor do we waste white paper in telling what Correspondents say of our Grand Commanders or of this Jurisdiction. We have no personal wars to wage, no enemies to censure, no friends to flatter at the expense of truth and the funds of this Grand Commandery.

We quote the following from his review of Colorado:

Memories of Denver are with us to-day, and they mingle with the hopes that begin on this fourth day of March, 1894. May the blessings of Heaven be showered on Colorado and its noble Knights, and may the light now beaming from the East, for it's past high twelve, illuminate every nook of this glorious Union and make us a happier and more united people.

How tender and loving are his parting words in his conclusion; and prophetic, too:

The foregoing Report has been composed under many serious disturbances of health and spirits. Much of it was written while enduring the pangs of gout and rheumatism—tortures well designed to crush intellect and amiability. But we have tried to write as a Templar, a gentleman and a Christian. If we have fallen short of this standard our brethren will be as forgiving now as they have been in the past. This is written in the gloom of suffering, and bereavement, and though treading the boundary of the valley and the shadow of death, by faith we are able to hear the footfalls of the loved ones beyond the boundaries of the other world.

Sir William M. Brooks, Grand Commander.

Sir George C. Connor, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NOTE—With more sadness than we can express we give the following notice of the death of our dearly beloved brother and associate. As a fellow-officer of the Grand Encampment, as a co-worker on the Ritual Committee, and as a personal friend and companion, we desire to pay our tribute of affection and respect to the memory of our deceased friend and brother. He was one of God's noblemen.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE M. E. GRAND MASTER.

CORUNNA, MICH., March 12th, 1894.

To all Sir Knights of Our Obedience :

With sad heart and bowed head we announce the death of Sir Knight George Cooper Connor, our Grand Sword Bearer, who died at his home, after a brief illness, in the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., March 9, 1894, in the sixtieth year of his age, surrounded by his friends and family, and while engaged in the active duties of life.

Sir Connor had not passed on life's highway the stone that marks the highest point, but being weary he lay down by the wayside, using his burden for a pillow, fell into a dreamless sleep that kissed down his eyelids still; and while yet in love with life and raptured with the world he passed to silent and pathetic dust.

In announcing so great a loss, I cannot express the grief which has thrilled our Order with profound sorrow and called for tears in all portions of our jurisdiction.

A Sir Knight has fallen with talents of no common order—true in his friendships, faithful in the discharge of his duty, kind and generous, upright in every act, devoted and beloved by all who knew him. Earnest and honest in every thought, warm in his attachments, and conscientious in the discharge of his duties.

Our frater was Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and Past Grand Commander, and at the time of his death was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for both the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery; and is the author of several Masonic works, his "Shibboleth" being his last one.

As a citizen he exerted himself for the public good, and in all places of honor and responsibility to which he had been elevated he won the confidence and esteem of the community in which he moved, and commanded the respect of all.

Let us ever cherish the memories of his many manly and noble virtues, and emulate his example of loyal devotion to our Order.

"Cold in the dust this perished heart may lie,
But that which warmed it once shall never die."

All Commanderies of our jurisdiction are earnestly requested to read this tribute at the head of the lines, next after its receipt, in memory of our beloved, departed Sir Knight.

HUGH McCURDY, Grand Master.

Attest :

WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Recorder.

TEXAS—1893.

The Grand Prelate gave an eloquent address at the opening of the session, which is given in full.

The Grand Commander says :

I am able to make report to you that there has been a marked increase in accessions to our ranks, indicating a most encouraging and healthy condition in the Commanderies of this jurisdiction, and that a spirit of zeal, unity and harmony therein prevail.

Our Grand Representative Sir John Martin was present and expressed "to the Grand Commandery of Texas assurances of esteem and good feeling from their fraters of the Centennial State." We take pleasure in joining in these assurances of esteem.

Sir R. M. Elgin, Past Grand Commander, makes the Report on Correspondence. Our proceedings for last year are given full and complimentary notice. We hope he will continue his reports. He is chairman for this year.

Sir J. T. Beall, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Brewster, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1893.

Grand Commander Haskins issued a general order permitting Commanderies to appear in uniform on Memorial Day, and act as escort for other bodies of citizens engaged in the due observance of the day. As this is against the general course and opinion, including our own, we give a part of what he says in support of his action. We always join our Grand Army Post on this day, and do not believe a Commandery should act as escort. He thinks differently:

The Order of Knights Templar is a semi-military one, and the rendering of escort duty has been its special function ever since the day when Hugo de Paganis and his eight companions became bound to defend the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem and to protect the Christian pilgrims who came there to worship at the sacred shrine. I can conceive of no higher or nobler duty to which Templars can be called to perform than that of escorting the great body of our citizens on Memorial Day to the shrine of our nation's dead. The men whose graves we annually bedeck with flowers, gave their lives for their country. And the happiness, the joy and the material prosperity that smiles on all from the lakes to the gulf and from ocean to ocean is the fruit of their sacrifice. I am not to be deterred from

doing or saying that which I believe to be right, because our action in this regard has provoked ridicule at the hand of some of our Templar correspondents who ought and do know better. * * * We would have the young men and women of this land bear in continual remembrance the important principles involved in that great struggle of the past, and for the establishment and permanent settlement of which, such costly sacrifices were made. Forgetting the past, let us do whatever we can to promote the best interests of Templarism and the weal of our own loved land.

Grand Commander Perkins makes the Report on Correspondence. It is a complete and interesting report.

We quote from his conclusion:

From the foregoing, it will be seen there has been a healthy growth of Templarism, wherever its standard has been raised. This has been especially so in our own country, from every part of which is reported peace and harmony with general activity and prosperity. May the same long continue, and may valiant and magnanimous Templars everywhere, loyal to themselves, their country and the great captain of their salvation, ever fully realize the heavy responsibilities resting upon them in preserving unallied and untarnished the honor and reputation of the Order.

Sir Marsh O. Perkins, Grand Commander.

Sir Warren G. Reynolds, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1893.

Grand Commander Greenwood says:

Nothing has occurred to mar our pleasant and fraternal relations with our sister Grand Jurisdictions, peace and Knightly fraternity continuing to prevail.

The Ritual has approval:

The important and all-absorbing question of Rituals was fully met and satisfactorily settled at the last Triennial Conclave (1892). The labors of the Special Committee, to whom the work had been assigned at Washington in 1889, were faithfully performed, and the impressive manner in which the work was presented by the secretary of the Ritual Committee, was followed by the adoption of the work with the greatest unanimity, and I noted with much satisfaction the settlement of the much vexed question of Ritual.

The affairs of the Masonic Home received attention. It seems to be in good condition and doing a good work.

Sir E. E. Downham, Grand Commander.

Sir William B. Isaacs, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON—1893.

Grand Commander Hare in his address reports:

From all parts of the country comes the cry of hard times and financial difficulties, this has, without doubt affected and limited the work of our Commanderies to some extent, the reports, however, show a steady and healthful growth and in some instances unprecedented prosperity; under the condition of things this is encouraging and leads me to hope and believe better times are in store for us, and the coming year will witness renewed activity and great prosperity in all our Commanderies. I particularly desire to see the number of affiliations increase, as it shows that the Sir Knights who come among us from other jurisdictions, seeing the work we are doing, appreciate our efforts and are willing to cast their lot with us and assist in the upbuilding of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction.

Grand Recorder Blalock again makes a full Report on Correspondence. We give his opening in full:

Your Committee on Correspondence presents his second annual report, and although we have been classed among the "clippers," we think we know more about Templarism than when we wrote our first, but not enough to deserve or expect a diploma. Like some of our older writers, we have views of our own on certain subjects, but will not burden you with many of them as yet. Our idea of the duties of a Correspondent is to give a brief report of the transactions of the several Grand Bodies reviewed and the general condition of the same, which we will endeavor to do.

In reviewing our Proceedings he gives in full the reports of all the committees connected with the Triennial, several pages.

Sir Eugene T. Wilson, Grand Commander.

Sir Yancey C. Blalock, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA—1893.

Grand Commander Buttrick says :

Referring to our own little mountain State, we have cause for congratulating the Order upon its splendid progress in the acquisition of numbers and social recognition and attainments.

Sir O. S. Long, Past Grand Commander, makes a very full Report on Correspondence. It is excellently constructed on the following plan :

After a furlough of ten years we have resumed service in the ranks of the reviewers. In the preparation of this report we have been guided mainly by the rules which governed our former efforts in this line, and have endeavored to set before our brethren, the Knights Templar in West Virginia, some glimpse of the condition of the Order in other American States, some idea of what is being done and what has been said in regard to Templar affairs, in order that the Knights here at home may be in touch with and partake the spirit of that grand army of noble and earnest men who, with ever increasing ranks, are bearing onward the banner of christian brotherhood. In this we are not purveyors to the general market; our report is for "home consumption" alone. Hence we have, for the greater part, refrained from criticism and debate, and have not felt ourselves justified in commenting upon matters that are "none of our business."

He has our thanks for kindly notice in his review of Colorado.

We give his conclusion:

The examination we have made of the published proceedings of all of the American Grand Commanderies has deepened our impression of the usefulness and worth of the orders of Masonic Knighthood and quickened our zeal for their service, and we would that all who read the report may be influenced by it in the same way. We think we can discern evidences of an advance along the whole line from the position occupied ten years ago. There is not only an increase in numbers everywhere, not only greater proficiency displayed in tactics and drill and all the outward symbolism of the Orders, but there seems to be also an elevation of the standard of character requisite for those who seek to gain admission, and a more general "*practice* of the Christian virtues" than heretofore. There is a much more general observance of "sermon days" than ever before, and it can not be doubted that the influence of even these outward forms of religion has borne good fruit. It is to be hoped that these gracious influences may continue to spread until the whole of this gallant army of generous and noble hearted men "may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life."

Sir Alfred Paull, Grand Commander.

Sir R. C. Dunnington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1893.

From the address of the Deputy Grand Commander we quote the following:

The condition of Templar Masonry in Wisconsin is prosperous; a prosperity indicated not so much by the increase of our numbers as by the harmony and fraternal feeling that pervades our ranks.

The increase has been slight. The limited gain in number and the decrease in creations are both doubtless due to the severe financial stringency that has characterized the present year, but more particularly to the inability of our Commanderies to obtain the new Ritual.

Of the Ritual he says:

The Ritual now adopted, is certainly as nearly perfect as human ability can make it; to use it should be a labor of love; to listen to it, a delight; it needs but one thing, namely, to be let alone by ambitious amenders.

And in closing we find the following compliment from the Grand Commander to Ivanhoe Commandery:

The Grand Commander at this time took occasion to compliment the rendition of the Templar Ritual as given by Ivanhoe Commandery the preceding evening, and gave notice that at the next annual Conclave the Order of the Temple would be conferred by the officers of the Grand Commandery, and that he should require each of the grand officers to be properly prepared so to do.

Sir Knight Swain makes his eleventh Report on Correspondence in his usual full and vigorous style:

We present our eleventh report. It seems but yesterday since we made our first. Eleven years is not a long period, and yet, in that time, is recorded many changes. Of those who preceded us in this duty, but five remain—Woodruff, of Kentucky, now the oldest member of the corps; Berry, of Maine; Carson, of Ohio; De Lap and Mayo—and of those who entered the guild the same year, but two—Wheeler, of Connecticut, and Ruckle, of Indiana. Simons, Langridge, Pierson, Gurney, Sayre, Dadmun, Cruft, the gallant soldier, Brown, Innes and others—all noted and loved names—have fallen by the way.

In closing he says: "The burning questions do not burn; they have cooled off." There is a great deal of truth in the statement.

Sir E. S. Elliott, Grand Commander.

Sir John W. Laffin, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WYOMING—1893.

We quote the opening of Grand Commander Baird's address:

It is a pleasure to review a fairly prosperous year. At the outset I desire to congratulate the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction upon the

excellent condition of Templarism in this state. There has been much work done during the past year and there is much more in prospect. The thrift of the several Subordinate Commanderies is very satisfactory. They are well officered and under good discipline.

We hope the following recommendation may be acted upon successfully:

I trust that it will be possible to secure a competent Correspondent for Wyoming. It seems as if we were getting out of touch with the other Grand Commanderies in omitting the interchange of ideas and suggestions. While our numbers are small our ambitions are certainly lofty, and there seems to be no sufficient reason why the Wyoming reports should not be complete in every detail. I wish to urge upon my successor the use of all the moral suasion in his power to get a Correspondent, and a Report too, for the coming Templar year.

The Deputy Grand Commander makes a full report of the doings of the Grand Encampment.

Sir John K. Jeffrey, Grand Commander.

Sir A. J. Parshall, re-elected Grand Recorder

STATISTICS.

GENERAL TABLE.

PREPARED BY SIR KNIGHT BERRY, MAINE.

GRAND COMMANDERIES	Subordinates	Members	Knighted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended and Dropped.	Expelled	Deceased	Our Last Report
Alabama, May 10, 1893	9	357	45	7	4	18	19	0	5	342
Arkansas, April 18, 1893	11	494	52	7	2	9	16	0	8	497
California, April 20, 1893	34	2790	162	41	13	83	35	0	50	2735
Colorado, June 6, 1893	22	1583	212	51	5	56	9	1	15	1895
Connecticut, Mar. 21, 1893	11	2029	133	5	4	5	15	0	28	1934
Georgia, May 10, 1893	8	597	64	12	3	19	8	1	14	559
Illinois, Oct. 25, 1892	61	8523	813	104	36	212	10	3	117	7978
Indiana, April 19, 1893	36	3255	354	56	10	68	26	1	49	2989
Iowa, Sept. 20, 1892	54	4049	453	122	5	191	52	3	43	3763
Kansas, May 9, 1893	34	2938	428	149	5	135	32	0	25	2393
Kentucky, May 17, 1893	26	1821	132	21	5	37	34	1	36	1804
Louisiana, Feb. 17, 1893	3	240	13	5	2	1	2	0	14	284
Maine, May 4, 1893	19	1645	155	7	6	38	33	0	35	2590
Maryland, Nov. 22, 1892	8	920	70	6	1	18	9	0	21	890
Mass. & R. I., Oct. 27, 1892	44	9589	749	47	12	77	36	6	145	8995
Michigan, May 16, 1893	42	5000	357	32	9	100	23	1	47	4758
Minnesota, June 24, 1893	24	2243	170	88	4	98	34	2	31	2148
Mississippi, Feb. 6, 1893	10	360	72	3	4	9	27	0	4	339
Missouri, April 25, 1893	56	5929	422	119	19	127	91	0	43	5435
Montana, Sept. 20, 1892	8	332	42	3	0	12	1	0	5	313
Nebraska, April 11, 1893	22	1580	224	43	8	41	28	1	11	1386
New Hamp., Sept. 27, 1892	10	1740	115	8	0	11	9	0	28	1665
New Jersey, May 9, 1893	16	1626	108	13	0	20	25	0	23	1511
New York, Sept. 13, 1892	57	9416	721	64	58	94	339	1	132	9189
N. Carolina, May 11, 1893	11	285	29	3	0	11	0	0	5	269
N. Dakota, June 30, 1892	4	229	40	4	0	9	1	0	1	190
Ohio, Sept. 6, 1892	51	7134	614	88	55	146	101	4	86	6714
Oregon, Oct. 25, 1892	4	327	45	10	2	1	1	0	6	283
Pennsylvania, May 24, 1892	72	9532	903	162	---	183	151	2	149	9532
S. Dakota, June 19, 1893	9	660	87	20	4	27	6	0	6	587
Tennessee, May 9, 1893	16	1066	70	24	4	31	13	0	18	1052
Texas, April 12, 1893	28	1941	209	28	0	56	53	0	21	1722
Vermont, June 13, 1893	10	1281	86	1	6	9	1	0	14	1212
Virginia, Oct. 13, 1892	20	1247	150	12	1	27	15	0	14	1138
Washington, June 9, 1893	9	509	57	39	0	6	1	0	6	426
W. Virginia, May 10, 1893	10	701	98	3	2	17	11	0	10	637
Wisconsin, Oct. 11, 1892	24	2487	189	52	3	82	33	0	35	2388
Wyoming, May 10, 1893	4	198	19	4	3	6	7	0	1	186
G. En. Subordinates, 1892	30	2653	330	38	18	49	38	0	56	2653
Total in United States, 1893	927	98,376	8092	1501	314	2159	1345	27	1357	92,821
Canada, July 19, 1892	30	1053	109	5	12	42	12	0	15	1053
Eng. and Wales, May, 1893	104	3000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3000
Ireland, 1893	41	1300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1300
Scotland, 1893	10	450	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	450
Victoria, Australia, 1893	4	80	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	80
Total in World, 1893	1116	104,259	9102	1506	325	2301	1357	27	1372	98,704

COMPARISON TABLE.

COMPILED BY SIR JESSE B. ANTHONY, NEW YORK.

GRAND COMMANDERY	Standing according to membership	Sub-Commanderies			Percentage of work for past year	Percentage of net gain for past year	Proportion of Knights Templar to Master Masons. One to—	Percentage of Knights Templar to R. A. Masons	Field Standing
		Maximum	Minimum	Average					
Alabama.....	32	96	16	40	.13.15	.04.38	31.30	30.	11
Arkansas.....	29	110	22	41	.12.12	.15.15	26.51	28.	13
California.....	11	299	20	84	.05.86	.01.00	6.	57.	37
Colorado.....	20	486	25	66	.15.19	.13.40	3.90	70.	6
Connecticut.....	15	430	49	184	.06.87	.04.85	7.79	41.	33
Georgia.....	28	174	23	74	.11.43	.06.60	26.49	22.	17
Illinois.....	4	691	25	139	.10.14	.06.37	5.39	56.	20
Indiana.....	9	164	25	90	.11.84	.08.89	7.79	55.	15
Iowa.....	7	225	25	75	.12.05	.07.74	5.63	62.	14
Kansas.....	10	244	29	77	.16.79	.15.30	6.80	65.	3
Kentucky.....	16	309	14	73	.07.29	.....	9.44	65.	30
Louisiana.....	36	140	39	93	.04.69	.01.09	16.39	41.	38
Maine.....	12	327	16	139	.06.	.02.40	8.	51.	36
Maryland.....	25	248	27	115	.07.86	.03.37	6.60	63.	27
Massachusetts and R. Island.....	1	724	53	218	.08.27	.05.93	3.86	67.	23
Michigan.....	6	230	27	119	.07.50	.05.06	6.89	52.	28
Minnesota.....	14	324	31	93	.07.92	.04.52	6.	54.	24
Mississippi.....	31	61	12	36	.21.24	.06.19	24.86	29.	1
Missouri.....	8	308	27	70	.11.62	.08.24	7.56	67.	16
Montana.....	33	92	16	42	.13.77	.08.85	6.56	57.	9
Nebraska.....	21	*186	*15	*63	.....	.....	*7.	*56.	29
New Hampshire.....	17	280	102	174	.06.90	.04.50	4.96	60.	32
New Jersey.....	19	233	47	95	.06.88	.03.37	8.98	58.	34
New York.....	3	478	31	165	.07.88	.03.03	8.56	53.	26
North Carolina.....	35	52	11	26	.10.77	.05.94	36.86	43.	18
North Dakota.....	37	91	30	57	.20.40	.16.83	7.56	48.	2
Ohio.....	5	418	40	140	.09.14	.06.25	5.19	56.	22
Oregon.....	34	165	29	82	.16.07	.16.78	12.74	30.	4
Pennsylvania.....	2	589	25	136	.10.06	.06.18	4.62	70.	21
South Dakota.....	27	179	12	66	.14.00	.06.28	5.64	50.	8
Tennessee.....	24	147	16	68	.06.65	.04.18	16.	46.	35
Texas.....	18	*151	*14	*64	.....	.....	*13.46	*40.	12
Vermont.....	22	191	61	128	.07.09	.05.69	7.	52.	31
Virginia.....	23	177	27	60	.13.57	.09.77	9.41	61.	10
Washington.....	30	83	12	47	.14.75	.16.39	9.60	45.	7
West Virginia.....	26	128	28	70	.15.40	.10.22	6.80	79.	5
Wisconsin.....	13	278	45	103	.07.90	.03.93	5.83	51.	25
Wyoming.....	33	67	27	50	.10.21	.06.45	3.77	.....	19

* Report 1892.

CONCLUSION.

It has been our custom, in past years, to call attention to the questions, which, during the year reviewed, have attracted attention and discussion, with a short statement of our views regarding the same. Last year the particular matter of greatest importance, at least to our jurisdiction, was the Twenty-fifth Triennial. On this we then made our comments. This year we find very much in the addresses of Grand Commanders and Reports on Correspondence on this subject. Many of these make personal reference and comment, which we have been tempted to quote and acknowledge, but on further consideration we found it would be impossible and improper to attempt to do this. So we must content ourselves by saying, brethren we thank you one and all for your kind words and appreciation, and though we have not made personal response as we have reviewed the proceedings, we have fully appreciated your commendation.

We have made a number of quotations referring to the Ritual. All have been in its favor, so far as we remember. In fact, we may say it has been enthusiastically received. The action and feeling at the Triennial next year, however, will be the test as to whether or not it is, and will continue to be generally satisfactory. We predict, and most certainly hope it will bear the test of every day usage.

The general prosperity of the Order everywhere, noted in our last Report, still continues. Here and there a note of financial depression and hard times comes up, and we can truly say we have cause to know what this means. But we are on the road to recovery and have no time to complain; we are too busy in our efforts to regain what we have lost to take time to count our losses or to blame any one for the cause.

Our Order in this jurisdiction is holding the even tenor of its way, and although not increasing in numbers so greatly as in former years, doing a noble work for the cause of humanity, morality and Christianity.

Courteously submitted,

H. M. ORAHOOD,

Chairman.

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 Thompson, Geo. W.
 Thompson, Robt. D.
 Timerman, Jno. L.
 Titcomb, Jno. S.
 Titus, Chas. H.
 Toovey, Wm.
 Toy, Solomon J.
 Tracey, Lester C.

Traver, Wilber H.
 Treat, Chas. A.
 Tritch, George
 Tritch, Geo., Jr.
 Tucker, Francis M.
 Twombly, Jno. C.
 Uzzell, Thos. A.
 Vallie, Uplide
 Van Hoevenberg, D. M.
 Van Horn, Marion D.
 Vick Roy, Alonzo F.
 Voeburgh, Nathan O.
 Wadsworth, Harrison L.
 Waid, Orin C.
 Walker, Thos. C.
 Walley, Jno. J.
 Walsen, Fred
 Watkins, Leonard A.
 Watkins, Leonard K.
 Weber, Albert H.
 Webster, Ralph C.
 Welch, Albert L.
 Wheeler, Frank
 White, Wm. A.
 Whittall, Thos. D.
 Whittemore, Oliver A.

Wilcox, Stephen J.
 Wilder, Asa
 Wilgus, Thos. B.
 Willetts, Geo. W.
 Williams, Fred'k A.
 Willoughby, Edmund A.
 Wilson, Andrew D.
 Wilson, Chas. F.
 Wilson, Wm. J.
 Winne, Peter
 Winter, Allison T.
 Wise, Chas. E.
 Wolff, Alfred
 Wooley, Geo. H.
 Wright, Chas. B.
 Wright, Geo. F.
 Wright, J. C.
 Wygant, Thos. H., Jr.
 Yankee, Wm. H.
 York, Ernest P.
 Yunker, Jason T.
 Zimmer, Philip D.
 Zint, Geo. W.
 Ziski, August A.
 Zollars, Thos. J.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.

CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

William J. Lewis, E. C.
 Richard Harvey, G.
 George W. Mabee, C. G.
 Clayton F. Becker, Pre.
 William C. Fullerton, S. W.
 Abraham Ashbaugh, J. W.

David A. Hamor, Treas.
 Samuel I. Lorah, Rec.
 William Harvey, Std. B.
 Clayton W. Bush, Swd. Br.
 Newton D. Owen, War.
 Peter C. Hanson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, John D.
 Aulsebrook, Alexander
 Becker, Henry
 Beat, John
 Bolsinger, Henry C.
 Brannan, John
 Bush, William L.
 Chester, Joseph E.
 Collier, David C.

Hughes, Edward C.
 Kline, Perry A.
 Lechner, George W.
 Lowell, Benj. F.
 McClelland, George E.
 Nichols, Foster
 Parsons, Isaac M.
 Potter, Thomas H.
 Roberts, Daniel
 Sherwin, John J.

Stebbins, Henry H.
 Teller, Henry M.
 Thorsen, Peder L.
 Tucker, Anthony W.
 Van Deren, Arch J.
 Vivian, George G.
 Watson, Joseph W.
 Wells, Benjamin T.
 Williams, Edward W.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3.

PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Frank M. Dunbaugh, E. C.
 Walter L. Dorland, G.
 Julius D. Brown, C. G.
 John J. Willard, Pre.
 Bishop D. V. Reeve, S. W.
 Andrew Park, J. W.

Daniel R. Greene, Treas.
 Charles W. Bowman, Rec.
 Alexander T. King, Std. B.
 John F. Bishop, Swd. Br.
 John M. McKee, War.
 James Stanchfield, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Alva
 Adams, Walter G.
 Anderson, Frank M.
 Banks, Henry C.
 Banks, Horace N.
 Barkley, Henry
 Billington, William H.
 Bostwick, Edwin L.
 Bradley, Ufford
 Burnam, Curtis W.
 Chew, Edward R.
 Chopper, Israel F.
 Clark, John Rule
 Clark, John T.
 Corwin, Richard W.
 Cox, Charles
 Culver, William E.
 De Remer, James R.
 Doudna, John V.
 Dunbaugh, George J.
 Fisher, Albert T.
 Fitch, Michael H.
 Frain, Luther S.
 Fraser, William G.
 Gartley, Wilson P.
 Getman, Lyman P.
 Gill, George W.
 Glatzell, Frank
 Goodnight, Charles
 Graham, Alfred E.
 Grant, Angus A.

Grubb, Erastus P.
 Hancock, William W.
 Hard, Gideon H.
 Holland, Alfred G.
 Humphrey, William A.
 James, Rees
 Jones, James E.
 Joy, James A.
 Keith, Fordyce M.
 Kilbourn, Jonathan B.
 Martel, James P.
 Miles, John E.
 Morse, Henry M.
 Moses, Lincoln E.
 Moses, William A.
 McDaniel, Zephaniah T.
 McMurtrie, John A.
 Nash, Herman W.
 Nelson, Charles F.
 Newcomer, Chas. E.
 Newton, Whitney
 Olin, Ceylon E.
 Orman, James B.
 Pearson, John I.
 Perkins, George W.
 Pochon, Joseph J.
 Ramsay, George S.
 Richards, Norman P.
 Robinson, John T.
 Root, George H.
 Rose, George W.

Serjeant, Ellie
 Sheriff, Samuel
 Shields, George A.
 Shockey, William L.
 Shrock, Frank H.
 Sleeper, John W.
 Smith, Graham
 Smith, Hugh M.
 Smith, James Edward
 Standish, Miles
 Stanton, Irving W.
 Steck, Edward M.
 Strait, William W.
 Sweeney, William H.
 Taylor, William C.
 Thomas, John J.
 Thompson, Thomas
 Townsend, Wood F.
 Turner, De Witt C.
 Umy, David F.
 Usher, William H.
 Van Brunt, William
 Walker, Charles
 Walpole, Nimrod S.
 Wartenbee, Robert H.
 Williamson, Henry A.
 Williford, George W.
 Wilson, Benjamin M.
 Wilson, Christopher
 Wormley, Frederick P.
 Zimmerman, William H.

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4.

GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

W. E. Barton, E. C.
 W. M. Fletcher, G.
 Jessie M. Copeland, C. G.
 Russell J. Collins, Pre.
 John H. Bennett, S. W.
 Chas. B. Bullock, J. W.

Fred S. Johnson, Treas.
 George Meyers, Rec.
 John F. Phillips, Std. B.
 Henry Boyer, Swd. Br.
 Herbert Gedney, War.
 Samuel Hardy, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Barrett, Geo. H.
 Bennett, Thos.
 Catron, Benjamin C.
 Cornish, Nicholas D.
 Cornish, Thos.

Doff, William A.
 Fish, Chas. R.
 Forstraud, Peter M.
 Jacobson, Chas. H.
 McFadon, Lee F.

Pollard, Chas. W.
 Pomeroy, Richard A.
 Sedgwick, Robert A.
 Swanson, August
 Wilson, David R.

MT. OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY No. 5.

LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Chas. Cavender, E. C.
 Geo. P. Brown, G.
 David LaSalle, C. G.
 John M. Maxwell, Pre.
 C. E. Dickinson, S. W.
 H. R. Pendery, J. W.

Clarence Hersey, Treas.
 W. L. Thompson, Rec.
 Jno. A. Ewing, Std. B.
 Wm. J. Steen, Swd. B.
 Jas. W. Newell, War.
 Hans Jans, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Alfred, Jno.
 Andrews, A. H.
 Armington, Jno. F.
 Baker, Irwin G.
 Baldy, Jno. P.
 Beaudry, Fred B.
 Blakeley, H. M.
 Boettcher, Chas.
 Bowdish, Richard C.
 Braden, Wm.
 Bretherton, S. E.
 Branch, A. H.
 Brown, Saml. M.
 Burnand, Alphonse A.
 Cain, Wm. J.
 Champion, Jno. B.
 Christian, Chas. J.
 Cook, Geo. W.
 Corwin, H. D.
 Crawford, W. C.
 Dale, W. P.
 De Lay, Robt. L.

Dickinson, Wm. M.
 Dongan, David H.
 Dongan, Geo. B.
 Fancher, B.
 Flintham, Jno. W.
 Galloway, B. S.
 Gear, Loftus
 Goddard, L. M.
 Goslen, A. M.
 Guller, Wm.
 Gunnell, A. T.
 Harvey, Jno.
 Hilton, Jno. E.
 Hundchen, Albert
 Lumsden, Jno.
 Mack, Jacob
 Miller, F. C.
 Mitchell, Horace C.
 Musser, Jno. W.
 McMillen, Neil
 McNiven, Danl.
 McNulty, James

Nicholson, Saml. D.
 Nowland, Jno.
 Officer, Frank H.
 Peterson, P. A.
 Pierce, J. N.
 Playter, A. T.
 Power, Roger F.
 Ramsey, Geo. W.
 Recen, Danl. A.
 Reef, Jos. S.
 Shaw, Frank
 Smith, Henry W.
 Smith, Joel W.
 Stickley, Benj. F.
 Stotesbury, Jno. H.
 Swain, L. C.
 Teet, Chas. F.
 Wheat, L. B.
 Whinnerah, Raymond
 Wilder, Saml. D.
 Williams, Jno. H.
 Woodford, Jos. W.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6.

COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Thursdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

James B. Severy, E. C.
 William H. Reed, G.
 J. A. Himebaugh, C. G.
 Ernest M. Lotz, Pre.
 H. J. Stanley, S. W.
 Jacob Schmitt, J. W.

G. W. Walker, Treas.
 C. E. Stubbs, Acting Rec.
 B. W. Pattinson, Std. B.
 A. B. Hutchinson, Swd. Br.
 C. E. Evans, War.
 R. H. Ashworth, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Charles
 Atkinson, L. S.
 Barker, C. W.
 Barnes, James P.
 Bartlett, H. W.
 Bates, L. N.
 Bennett, C. E.
 Beynon, B. L.
 Bletso, A. J.
 Briscoe, R. S.
 Bott, Anthony
 Boyer, B. L.

Cable, Hiram S.
 Carmichael, Edward
 Casser, Constantine
 Crowell, B. F.
 Courter, John
 Dow, F. E.
 Dougherty, Eugene
 Eaton, E. J.
 Ellis, E. L.
 Ellison, J. M.
 France, Matt
 Frizzell, William

Frost, Geo. W.
 Frowine, C. H.
 Gerhardt, Paul
 Giddings, E. W. Jr.
 Gilmore, E. C.
 Gough, Thomas
 Grafton, H. H.
 Green, J. N.
 Hayes, J. A. Jr.
 Henry, O. E.
 Hert, Thomas
 Horn, T. G.

MEMBERS.

Howbert, Irving
 Hughes, Thomas
 Humphrey, A. L.
 Humphrey, J. F.
 Jennings, A. S.
 Jones, Allen Dale
 Jones, Beal H.
 Jones, Myron W.
 Kerr, J. H.
 Kuhn, C. E.
 Lawrence, G. W.
 Lawton, A. L.
 Leddy, M. A.
 Lindley, G. E.

Marston, J. L.
 Martin, F. L.
 Matthews, A.
 Maltby, S. F.
 McShane, David
 Munson, R. D.
 Ortseifer, W. A.
 Parker, J. M.
 Potter, John
 Reed, Raymond
 Heid, H. I.
 Reynolds, J. E.
 Roby, F. F.
 Sagendorf, Andrew

Skinner, L. C.
 Smith, C. T. O.
 Stillman, J. W.
 St. John, E. S.
 Steele, W. S.
 Thomas, Frank
 Waltemyer, E. L.
 Walter, E. R.
 Wellington, Q. J.
 Woodbury, J. C.
 Woods, E. L.
 Woodside, W. P.
 Zobrist, Charles L.

MOUNT SINAI COMMANDERY No. 7.

BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

[*Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.*]

OFFICERS.

J. L. Moorehead, E. C.
 Geo. F. Fonda, G.
 Fred. L. Williamson, C. G.
 W. L. Burdick (Honorary), Pre.
 Chas. A. Russell, S. W.
 Albert I. Henry, J. W.

Geo. M. McClure, Treas.
 H. E. Washburn, Rec.
 Geo. F. Chase, Std. R.
 S. C. Brown, Swd. Br.
 Tim O'Conner, War.
 James Kempton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bradley, Hubert N.
 Bromley, Chas. C.
 Burns, M. F.
 Connell, John
 Cowie, James
 Danford, Thomas
 Davis, Charles
 Davis, John
 Develine, J. W.
 Dodge, Horace O.
 Downer, Sylvester S.
 Ellingham, John J.
 Faurot, Chas. S.
 Fullen, Hiram
 Gilbert, Richard
 Goldsworthy, William
 Hathaway, Mark
 Hathaway, W. N.
 Hisey, Marion W.
 Hood, James H.
 Howell, William R.
 Hubbard, James E.

Hult, William
 Hutchinson, Danl. J.
 Jackson, Nelson
 Johnson, Francis
 Johnston, William J.
 Kenyon, Enoch
 Kniff, Thomas
 Kohler, Fred W.
 Lockwood, Fred
 Luxon, Joseph
 Macky, Andrew J.
 Maxwell, James P.
 McGoffy, Saml. M.
 Metcalf, Eli P.
 Morrell, Henry
 Nicholson, John W.
 Oliver, George S.
 O'Neil, John M.
 Owen, Thos. R.
 Phillips, Norman M.
 Pine, B. Frank
 Pugh, John
 Rowen, Wm. F.

Safley, Alex. F.
 Sawyer, Alvin M.
 Schriver, J. C.
 Seely, Worth L.
 Shires, Thomas
 Simpson, John H.
 Smith, James A.
 Spencer, Chas. L.
 Stock, F. E.
 Streamer, Frank M.
 Temple, Edwin J.
 Thorne, Squire J.
 Trezise, John G.
 Tyler, Frank
 Tyler, Fred
 Veile, James B.
 Walker, Edward S.
 Wellman, Sylvanus
 Whitely, Richard H.
 White, William W.
 Wilder, Eugene
 Williams, John N.

GUNNISON COMMANDERY No. 8.

GUNNISON. GUNNISON COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Wednesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

John A. Steele, E. C.
John E. Brothers, G.
Michael Monahan, C. G.
Samuel P. Spencer, Pres.
Osmer H. Aikine, S. W.
Truman W. Gray, J. W.

Eugene P. Shove, Treas.
Ira Brown, Rec.
Michael W. Flavin, Std. B.
Henry Purrier, Swd. Br.
Abram E. Hyzer, War.
Charles Biebel, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Wallace A.
Bartlett, Henry C.
Brown, Ira Ewart
Calvert, William W.
Chrystal, James F.
Chrystal, John F.
Davis, William H.
Edwards, Albert H.
Fine, William J.
Gibson, Ezra
Lawrence, James S.

Lewis, Thomas J.
May, Clarence
McKenna, Thomas J.
Moyer, Samuel L.
Olney, Henry C.
Pierson, John F.
Pirie, George
Rhodes, Mathew
Roblee, Morgan A.
Seelinger, Frederick A.
Snyder, William

Songer, Frank E.
Starr, Thomas
Steele, Frank D.
Tanner, Frank P.
Webb, John
Wheeler, Nathaniel C.
Winn, Charles F.
Wilson, Richard B.
Wolff, Benjamin J.
Wright, Henry C.
Youngs, George

CANON CITY COMMANDERY No. 9.

CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY.

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Joseph W. Milsom, E. C.
William H. Trout, G.
Thomas H. Craven, C. G.
William T. Bridwell, Pres.
William H. Weaver, S. W.
Robert C. Stewart, J. W.

James P. Chapman, Treas.
David A. Bradbury, Rec.
Charles Pauls, Std. B.
George W. Bethel, Swd. Br.
Joseph T. Little, War.
Caleb J. Smith, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, B. C.
Allen, David
Bailey, Morton S.
Black, Amos R.
Bradbury, George E.
Butler, Edward A.
Cassedy, George H.
Collins, Charles M.
Coslett, Walter
Davenport, Charles E.
Dudley, George E.
Dufer, Charles E.
Earle, George W.
Earle, Henry
Ford, Allen E.
Fort, William E.
Garret, Daniel N.

Gravestock, John
Hadden, George
Hall, Linville J.
Harding, Theodore M.
Haskins, Charles F.
Jones, Benjamin F.
Johnson, William E.
Kellenberger, George H.
Lawrence, Adley B.
Maxson, Chester W.
Mayhew, William M.
McGilliard, William P.
McGrath, Miles
Mitchell, Ed
Mitchell, George M.
Mitchell, Jerry W.
Nikirk, Clyde G.
Palmer, Hunter F.

Palmer, Thomas D.
Patttee, David C.
Peabody, James H.
Pople, Roger
Price, Henry L.
Raynolds, Frederick A.
Robertson, John
Rockafellow, Benjamin F.
Rockwell, J. J.
Roe, George W.
Rudolph, Andrew E.
Sartor, Augustus
Sell, Franz
Slater, H. B.
Smith, C. C.
Tucker, William P.
Young, Leroy C.

GREELEY COMMANDERY No. 10.

GREELEY, WELD COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

F. L. Childs, E. C.
Sharon Atkinson, G.
William Mayher, C. G.
Henry T. Weet, Pra.
L. B. Willard, S. W.
E. A. Thompson, J. W.

B. F. Johnson, Treas.
D. Murray, Rec.
B. W. Hilton, Std. B.
E. H. Abbott, Swd. Br.
H. Ecker, War.
Thomas G. Macey, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Barber, James S.
Beetham, James
Brush, Jared L.
Chambers, J. S.
Cook, John B.
Eaton, Benjamin H.
Eaton, Bruce G.
Freeman, James M.

Harper, Brainard D.
Huffsmith, Peter
Igo, Albert
Madison, W. C. Rev.
Matison, Menzo C.
Mead, Mark S.
Monahan, Deane
Pollock, William P.

Randolph, Calvin
Teller, Harrison
Thompson, James W.
Wateon, Arthur C.
Woodbury, J. A.
Woodliver, Jacob W.
Wulfjin, Charles W.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 11.

DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Tuesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Frank H. Young, E. C.
Peter L. Hansen, G.
Jethro C. Sanford, C. G.
Hiram Bullis, Pre.
Chas S. Butler, S. W.
Geo. Weaver, J. W.

John L. Parsons, Treas.
Andrew R. Lewis, Rec.
Geo. W. Kephart, Std. B.
Geo. E. West, Swd. Br.
Frank A. Wingate, War.
Geo. Freund, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Ambold, Robt. A.
Bayly, William
Breene, Michael
Cadwell, Henry
Copp, Geo. V.
Dennison, P. F.
Engleman, M. M.
Fassbender, Peter
Gault, John
Goodman, Henry C.
Heffron, H. G.
Hickey, Charles
Hoskinson, Charles
Klingender, Henry

Klingender, Melchior
Knowles, John
La Count, Wm. H.
Landon, J. P. Dr.
Law, John
Longnecker, Wm. T.
McGregor, D. C.
Meredith, Joseph
Morawetz, Albert
Morton, Andrew W.
Newman, Charles
Orr, Gaylord A.
Parshall, Wesley W.
Roberts, Frank B.

Rockwood, Thomas
Russell, James L.
Shaw, Daniel J.
Sheets, Daniel L.
Shivey, Wesley T.
Swickbeimer, David
Thompson, Saml. H.
Thorp, Geo. L.
Ware, Harry F.
Warren, Wm. D.
Wingate, John W.
Wigglesworth, Thos. H.
Wynne, John C.

LONG'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 12.

LONGMONT, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Mel J. Wilson, E. C.
Ira L. Herron, G.
Franklin P. Secor, C. G.
Francis M. Downer, Pre.
Chas. J. Gregg, S. W.
Will H. Webb, J. W.

John Ramsay, Treas.
Abraham L. Gibson, Rec.
Thomas Butler, Std. B.
Milo G. Secor, Swd. Br.
Byron L. Carr, War.
John A. Buckley, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Fred E.
Andrews Frank V.
Baker, Charles H.
Bardill, Conard
Bartell, Charles F.
Breckle, William J.
Brown, Cassius M.
Brown, Geo. W.
Butler, Stephen
Callahan, Thomas M.
Clark, Cornelius C.
Coburn, William T.
Coffman, Enoch
Crane, Fred A.
Daniels, John E.
Davis, David F.

Davis Frank B.
Davis, Frank I.
Dell, George T.
Denio, James W.
Dickson, Lewis H.
Entwhistle, Thomas
Foster, James S.
Grant, John Q.
Greiner, James W.
Griffith, Richard G.
Henderson, Andrew M.
Herron, Oscar F.
Hockenburger, William
Hubble, Richard M.
James, William E.
Johnson, Thomas F.
King, William

Lykins, David J.
Marshal, Oliver W.
Minor, Henry M.
Mitchell, Joseph J.
Morgan, Joseph J.
Nicholson, William
Norton, Elbert E.
Phillips, George S.
Ransom, Dick
Shoemaker, J. Frank
Small, Major
Topliff, Joseph J.
Warner, Willie A.
Webb, Charles O.
Wilson, Harry E.
White, Eben

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY No. 13.

FORT COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Saturdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

T. J. Montgomery, E. C.
S. E. Clark, G.
A. A. Edwards, C. G.
J. C. Hanna, Pre.
Leander Giddings, S. W.
Geo. A. Gebb, J. W.

Chas. H. Sheldon, Treas.
C. E. Lull, Rec.
Adrien Blackmer, Std. B.
F. N. B. Scott, Swd. Br.
D. A. Weaver, War.
Thos. H. Doolittle, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, Peter
Andrews, Chas. B.
Annis, Frank J.
Armstrong, Andrew
Arthur, James B.
Barnea, Wm.
Beach, Jerry T.
Boughton, Jay H.
Brewer, Chas. W.
Bristol, Judson H.
Brown, Arthur F.
Budrow, J. T.
Clinton, John C.
Cuthbertson, James
Duggan, Thos. H.
Ellis, Alston

Gage, T. A.
Garbutt, E. N.
Greiner, J. M.
Hall, Wm.
Hamilton, A. L.
Helgeson, Olo
Hoffman, J. M.
Hottel, A. J.
Lane, Chas. D.
Learnard, P. D.
Lindenmeier, Wm., Jr.
Love, E.
Martin, J. W.
Maxwell, Chas.
McAnelly, Jeff.
Miller, Chas. P.
Moore, L. C.

Parker, C. V.
Plummer, Z. C.
Ramey, T. C.
Robertson, T. H.
Robinson, Thos. M.
Rugh, C.
Scott, A. W.
Seckner, S. H.
Secord, Courtland
Sickman, A. P.
Stover, F. P.
Sturdevant, H. F.
Watrous, Ansel
Whitton, John
Woodward, Chas. N.
Zweifel, J. J.

ASPEN MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY No. 14.

ASPEN, PITKIN COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

J. M. Dills, E. C.
George C. Vickery, G.
Walter S. Clarke, C. G.
C. M. Sonle, Pre.
Calvin McCrea, S. W.
Mortimer J. Geary, J. W.

D. R. C. Brown, Treas.
F. A. Hunt, Rec.
J. H. Greener, Std. B.
A. J. Varney, Swd. Br.
Frank T. Dickinson, War.
George T. Martin, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Auld, John
Bradshaw, Moses
Bright, Wm. H.
Campbell, J. W.
Canning, John K.
Connor, J. C.
Cox, Wm. J.
Crosby, George F.
Davis, Thomas E.
Freeman, Jason E.

Fisher, R. H.
Gillespie, Henry B.
Givens, Daniel
Keene, S. W.
Lyater, T. G.
McMurphy, Wm.
Miller, Riley
Mills, David A.
Pratt, Charles H.
Reese, Charles

Rice, George Arthur
Robinson, Ed. S.
Schelkropf, Jacob H.
Shriver, C. E.
Stevenson, Archie M.
Stone, Lewis A.
Sweeney, John
Wardell, John B.
Williams, John B.

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE COMMANDERY No. 15.

ALAMOSA, CONEJOS COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Monday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

William Graham, E. C.
Charles M. Ball, G.
Geo. A. Willis, C. G.
Horace H. Dubendorff, Pre.
Geo. H. Shone, S. W.
C. Wallrich, J. W.

Jno. Spriestersbach, Treas.
Arnold D. Springer, Rec.
Wm. H. Hirst, Std. B.
Chas. A. Merriman, Swd. Br.
A. B. Ruby, War.
Walter D. Carroll, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bannister, Amos
Bassett, Alden
Bisbee, Lucian H.
Boone, James B.
Chapman, Norman H.
Cochran, William H.
Dixon, William H.

Duddleson, Thos. J.
Eeles, John J.
Ewing, John Jr.
Franklin, G. W.
Gerteisen, John
Head, Lafayette
Hindle, Francis L.

Mattos, Joseph S.
McIntire, Albert W.
McKee, Milton
Thompson, Jeremiah L.
Tracy, J. D.
Warschauer, Fred

OURAY COMMANDERY No. 16.

OURAY, OURAY COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Friday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Ralph Williams, E. C.
 Walter F. Wheeler, G.
 Wm. A. Hinsey, C. G.
 W. W. Ashley, Pre.
 Miles S. Corbett, S. W.
 Byron E. Parlman, J. W.

Geo. A. Scott, Treas.
 Geo. C. Pierce, Rec.
 John S. Brown, Std. B.
 Albert Jeffers, Swd. Br.
 Chas. A. Armstrong, War.
 Thomas Hooey, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abbott, James W.
 Adams, Arthur S.
 Alexander, W. B.
 Arlett, Geo. H.
 Bailey, Lawrence L.
 Bradley, Geo. T.
 Bradley, Joseph F.
 Carney, Francis
 Champ, James
 Coelett, Chas. P.
 Decker, Phil
 Doty, D. H.
 Fourrell, Wm. H.
 Frazier, C. M.
 Hammon, Chas. T.

Hanson, Rasmus
 Harvison, Alex
 Haskins, Chas. W.
 Hendershott, Joseph D.
 Herring, James K.
 Jardine, John M.
 Kinkaid, John
 Kinley, Edward
 Kunz, Samuel W.
 Langley, John C.
 Lee, Harry A.
 Leonard, Chas. M.
 Lindsay, Geo. G.
 Mark, Milton H.
 Middaugh, Wm. H.
 McKenzie, Wm.

Moyer, Al.
 Nelson, John W.
 Nichols, C. M.
 Niles, James
 Painter, Chas. F.
 Phillips, W. B.
 Proudfoot, Robt.
 Rose, Chas. E.
 Rowan, Wm. W.
 Smith, Valerius Y.
 Stevens, Theron
 Story, William
 Walsh, Harry H.
 Wilson, Walter B.
 Wilterding, Henry J.

SALIDA COMMANDERY No. 17.

SALIDA, CHAFFEE COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

William W. Roller, E. C.
 George W. Rose, G.
 William G. Sisson, C. G.
 John Wallace Obl. Pre.
 James B. McCoy, S. W.
 Charles G. Johnson, J. W.

Joshua W. Wood, Treas.
 George W. McGovern, Rec.
 Geo. A. Montgomery, Std. B.
 Michael J. Guerin, Swd. Br.
 James A. Davidson, War.
 Fred W. Brush, G. Sent.

MEMBERS.

Bonney, Josiah M.
 Boucher, Elmer T.
 Cole, Judson E.
 Cornelius, Charles S.
 Cornwell, La Fayette
 Crymble, Hugh
 Dale, William P.
 Eddy, John A.
 Gillett, Jason
 Graf, Bernard

Jackson, Frederick A.
 Jones, Eugene B.
 Lewis, Titus
 Libby, Charles S.
 Logan, William R.
 Martin, Theodore
 McComas, John M.
 McDowell, John B.
 McIvor, John J.
 Mitchell, Harry W.

Morehouse, David W.
 Newton, Howell D.
 Nye, Augustus T.
 Seelinger, Sherman W.
 Shafer, Albert
 Shively, Charles L.
 Thayer, Elmer A.
 Van Meter, Stroud
 Wilber, Ernest
 White, William D.

ORIENTAL COMMANDERY No. 18.

TRINIDAD, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Thos. Williams, E. C.
 Loron E. Wade, G.
 Lorin H. Roberts, C. G.
 J. P. M. Butler, Pre.
 Geo. A. Keese, S. W.
 Wm. F. Munroe, J. W.

Carlos H. Blake, Treas.
 D. S. Harper, Rec.
 Richard D. Gibbons, Std. B.
 B. F. Wooding, Swd. Br.
 H. E. Brown, War.
 S. D. Hayes, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Baleman, Geo.
 Bridge, Jas. L.
 Brown, S. V. B.
 Callaway, D. R.
 Cameron, Jno.
 Cook, R. G.
 Cunningham, Wm. B.
 Eysenhardt, Paul
 Forhan, Thos. J.
 Gordon, Wm.
 Guilfoill, Jno.
 Hershey, J. B.

Humphreys, Jno.
 Jones, Wm. W.
 Keeney, W. S.
 La Belle, Jason P.
 Leighton, H. W.
 Linthurst, Jno.
 Mahin, Wm. M.
 McEinery, Thos. J.
 McMillen, Saml.
 Miller, D. R.
 Milliken, I. Q.
 Nesbitt, Ed F.

O'Reilly, Hugh T.
 Peters, Will E.
 Pollock, Alexander
 Rapp, I. H.
 Reinchils, J. R.
 Roberts, Jas. H.
 Sherman, Jno. F.
 Sleicher, J. M.
 Sneddon, Alex.
 Unfug, Chas. O.
 Wight, F. D.
 Wilder, W. H.

MONTROSE COMMANDERY No. 19.

MONTROSE, MONTROSE COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Fridays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

J. M. Reynolds, E. C.
 H. N. Bostwick, G.
 S. S. Sherman, C. G.
 A. Johnson, Pre.
 N. G. Clark, S. W.
 J. W. Ownes, J. W.

J. E. McClure, Treas.
 J. F. Kyle, Rec.
 R. C. Diehl, Std. B.
 C. B. Akard, Swd. Br.
 Geo. H. Smith, War.
 G. E. Anderson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Baetjer, F. J.
 Baetjer, W. T.
 Beaudry, F. B.
 Bell, Jno. C.
 Bestor, E. D.
 Bonner, A. L.
 Boot, Wm.
 Butler, A. C.
 Cahill, J. W.
 Campbell, Chas.

Chapman, F. A.
 Hammond, H.
 Hottell, I. W.
 King, A. R.
 Kellock, Andrew
 Kelso, R. S.
 Lees, John F.
 McGrannahan, T. H.
 Oestenson, O. E.
 Overhiser, Geo. P.

Phillips, J. Ralph J.
 Roberts, Abe
 Robinson, W. N.
 Slaven, J. E.
 Stephan, George
 Tripler, J. W.
 Williams, R. F.
 Wise, A. H.
 Wise, H. D.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS COMMANDERY No. 20.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, GARFIELD COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Charles A. Lee, E. C.
 William M. Dinkel, G.
 Charles W. Durand, C. G.
 H. M. Law, Pre.
 J. H. Feeler, S. W.
 J. S. Swan, J. W.

B. T. Napier, Treas.
 M. H. Dean, Rec.
 William Dongan, Std. B.
 W. H. Tillery, Swd. Br.
 Fred C. Ewing, War.
 M. Monroe, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, James
 De Reemer, Jared R.
 Dynee, Wm. B.
 Eddy, H. H.

Hallett, Henry W.
 Kamm, Henry R.
 Love, Joseph
 Morley, H. K.

Moulton, Geo. H.
 Nuckols, Geo. Harvey
 Rice, Archibald A.
 Schliff, W. A.

AKRON COMMANDERY No. 21.

AKRON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

[Conclaves fourth Tuesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Cyrus H. Phelps, E. C.
 Adam J. Johnson, G.
 Elija J. Bales, C. G.
 Louis C. Stephenson, Pre.
 Charles A. Parsons, S. W.
 John B. Fisher, J. W.

John F. Dole, Treas.
 William B. Colvin, Rec.
 Granville Pendleton, Std. B.
 Lafayette M. Butts, Swd. Br.
 John H. Geitzel, War.
 George W. Ball, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Barr, George W.
 Bender, Joseph J.
 Bonfoey, Wells
 Brent, George B.
 Clatworthy, William H.
 Counter, James W.
 Cooke, Maynard E.
 Devine, James T.
 Gault, John
 Griggsby, William C.
 Hamm, Arthur C.

Handy, Robert M.
 Heiskell, Tyler D.
 Kinkel, Charles W.
 Knearl, William
 Little, William
 McCue, Isaac N.
 McPherrin, Emmett
 Moore, John W.
 More, Marcus L.
 Muntzing, August
 Packard, D. C.

Petteys, Walter
 Putnam, Howard M.
 Rawalt, Benjamin F.
 Robinson, George W.
 Shoner, David
 Simpson, Francis M.
 Simpson, Frank L.
 Skelton, William T.
 Twombly, Hurd W.
 Waite, Ira W.
 Young, Andrew J.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY No. 22.

LA JUNTA, OTERO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

R. A. Steen, E. C.
 C. F. Kendall, G.
 Jas. B. Pearce, C. G.
 I. S. Bryant, Pre.
 E. J. Smith, S. W.
 J. B. Sherman, J. W.

John Johnson, Treas.
 J. W. Manley, Rec.
 Wm. C. Steele, Std. B.
 W. B. Goben, Swd. Br.
 E. W. Kearby, War.
 C. H. Allen, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Albers, V.
 Barnes, A. S.
 Dye, B. U.
 Gauger, John E.
 Godding, John E.
 Godding, T. F.

Haskins, B. F.
 Johnson, Harry
 Keesee, Dan
 Markham, L. W.
 McMurtry, Wm. T.
 Miller, A. W.

Miller, G. T.
 Parsons, Chas. S.
 Poland, W. F.
 Robinson, Gerrard
 Seeberger, E. F.
 Soupsiet, P.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY No. 23.

GRAND JUNCTION, MESA COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Lawrence M. Miller, E. C.
 Edward F. Eldridge, G.
 Norman J. Krusen, C. G.
 Benjamin J. Snyder, Pre.
 Truman A. Ketchum, S. W.
 Charles E. Gleesner, J. W.

Benton Canon, Treas.
 William Carlyle, Rec.
 Jacob H. Rice, Std. B.
 Heman R. Bull, Swd. Br.
 John J. Lumsden, War.
 Barnhouse, Thos. E., C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Orson, Jr.
 Armstrong, George W.
 Bartow, John L.
 Bower, Columbus
 Crosby, David R.

Jones, Theodore M.
 Lattner, Thomas J.
 Maloy, Ed N.
 Nelson, Jas. H.
 Oleson, Gust A.

Powelson, Benjamin F.
 Price, Chas. C.
 Roberts, David
 Shores, Cyrus W.
 Starr, Thomas

DENVER COMMANDERY No. 25.

DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Tuesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Julius B. Bissell, E. C.
 George N. Atwood, G.
 Darius A. Barton, C. G.
 Donald Fletcher, Pre.
 Jerome A. Vickers, S. W.
 Henry Falke, J. W.

William D. Todd, Treas.
 Ed. C. Parmelee, Rec.
 Arthur F. Harlow, Std. B.
 James C. Johnston, Swd. Br.
 James Ferchard, War.
 * Chas. J. McIntosh, C. of G.

* Not a member.

MEMBERS.

Addoms, Frederic E.
 Alling, Ebenezer T.
 Bartels, Gustave C.
 Blood, James H.
 Brannen, Robert S.
 Brown, Charles E.
 Bucknum, Amasa M.
 Burlingame, Eugene E.
 Butler, Hugh
 Campbell, Donald W.
 Evans, James P.
 Evans, William G.
 Feldhauser, Philip

Fisher, Cyrus W.
 Foster, Ernest Le Neve
 Fullerton, William
 Gove, Aaron
 Grissom, Eugene
 Harkison, Charles T.
 Heath, Andrew B.
 Hill, Frank B.
 Kramer, George W.
 Lemen, Lewis E.
 Lockwood, Robert C.
 Malone, Booth M.
 Mayo, Dudley D.

Morrow, John
 Orahood, Harper M.
 Rogers, Platt
 Schroter, Sidney H.
 Sneve, Anthony
 Spangler, Michael
 Trufant, William B.
 Van Culin, Trabne
 Wallace, Joseph T.
 Wood, Charles H.
 Woodbury, Roger W.
 Wyman, George
 Young, Frank C.

In Memory
OF THE
SIXTEEN SIR KNIGHTS
OF
THIS JURISDICTION
WHO HAVE
GONE TO THEIR
REST.

In Memory
OF
THE DECEASED SIR KNIGHTS
OF
OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

In Memoriam.

NAME	COMMAND- ERY NO.	DATE
Davis, Flavins N.....	1	April 30, 1894
Morehouse, Philip E.....	1	August 2, 1893
Steel, Ned.....	1	November 12, 1893
Packard, John H.....	2	October 18, 1893
Hall, George W.....	4	March 24, 1894
Dillon, Chester H.....	6	September 10, 1893
Dabney, Charles.....	7	May 9, 1893
Edmunds, Merritt C.....	10	September 24, 1893
Waters, J. H. Ernest.....	11	May 7, 1893
Hartford, John F.....	12	August 26, 1893
Ticknor, Alonzo A.....	13	August 6, 1893
Taft, Fred Henry.....	14	March ..., 1893
Krepf, Martin V.....	14	November 15, 1893
Brown, J. Louis.....	14	December 10, 1893
Waldron, John M.....	18	March 10, 1894
St. Clair, Frank P.....	19	November 20, 1893

REINSTATED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Wimer, John A.	7	October 23, 1893
Wagstaff, Daniel R.	11	.....

DIMITTED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Alling, E. T.	1	June 6, 1893
Brown, C. E.	1	June 6, 1893
Brannen, R. S.	1	June 6, 1893
Barton, D. A.	1	June 6, 1893
Burlingame, E. E.	1	June 6, 1893
Campbell, D. W.	1	June 6, 1893
Craig, W. B.	1	January 18, 1894
Donellan, J. T.	1	February 6, 1894
Evans, J. P.	1	June 6, 1893
Evans, W. G.	1	June 6, 1893
Fletcher, D.	1	June 6, 1893
Fisher, C. W.	1	June 6, 1893
Furman, H. M.	1	January 18, 1894
Gove, A.	1	June 6, 1893
Heath, A. B.	1	June 6, 1893
Hill, F. B.	1	June 6, 1893
Harkison, C. T.	1	June 6, 1893
Harlow, S. I.	1	June 6, 1893
Johnston, J. C.	1	June 6, 1893
Kramer, G. W.	1	June 6, 1893
Lea, A. E.	1	July 18, 1893
Malone, W. H.	1	February 6, 1894
Mayo, D. D.	1	June 6, 1893
Sneve, A.	1	June 6, 1893
Spangler, M.	1	June 6, 1893
Schroter, S. H.	1	June 6, 1893
Parkhurst, J. F.	1	June 20, 1893
Todd, W. D.	1	June 6, 1893
Trufant, W. B.	1	June 6, 1893
Vickers, J. A.	1	June 6, 1893
Woodbury, R. W.	1	June 6, 1893
Wallace, J. T.	1	June 6, 1893
Hocking, William	2	September 21, 1893
Fullerton, William	2	June 6, 1893
Orahood, Harper M.	2	June 6, 1893
Young, Frank C.	2	June 6, 1893
Ketchin, H. M.	3	February 13, 1894
Foster, E. L. N.	4	May 6, 1893
Parmelee, Ed. C.	4	June 6, 1893
Perchard, Jas.	4	June 6, 1893
Burchinell, Wm. K.	5	January 17, 1894
Chambers, John S.	7	January 8, 1894
Rogers, Platt	7	June 6, 1893
Bartlett, Reuel	7	December 11, 1893
Wimer, John A.	7	September 18, 1893
Frain, Luther S.	9	January 18, 1894
Oliver, John V.	9	March 15, 1894
Wagstaff, Daniel R.	11	.....
Thompson, Filo L.	11	.....
Atwood, George N.	12	June 6, 1893
Wyman, George F.	12	June 6, 1893

DIMITTED—CONTINUED.

NAME	OOM- MANDERY	DATE
Owen, Thomas.....	16	January 5, 1894
Olsen, Gust A.....	17	September 23, 1892
Carroll, J. M.....	18	
Baker, C. M.....	18	May 3, 1893
Taylor, A. B.....	18	December 20, 1893
Marsh, John C.....	19	February 9, 1894
McConnell, C. E.....	19	February 9, 1894
Latham, A.....	19	February 9, 1894
Latham, A., Jr.....	19	February 9, 1894
Arnold, Grant.....	20	December 12, 1893
Hardy, Fred.....	21	October 21, 1893
Preston, Burton.....	21	April 24, 1894

SUSPENDED.

NAME	OOM- MANDERY	DATE
Franklin, N.....	1	September 19, 1893
Grant, T. J.....	1	September 19, 1893
Hobbs, C. M.....	1	September 19, 1893
Kirkham, W. A.....	1	September 19, 1893
Rogers, E. J. A.....	1	September 19, 1893
Routt, J. L.....	1	September 19, 1893
Wheeler, F. E.....	1	September 19, 1893
Letts, C. E.....	1	March 6, 1894
Harp, W. R.....	1	September 19, 1893
Chamblin, Albert K.....	8	December 13, 1893
Adair, George W.....	9	October 19, 1893
Gilmore, B. W.....	9	October 19, 1893
Hall, Robert D.....	9	April 19, 1894
Brooks, Cyrus A.....	17	March 26, 1894
Thomas, Trebern W.....	20	March 13, 1894
Goodale, M. S.....	22	May 12, 1894

EXPELLED.

NAME	OOM- MANDERY	DATE
Johnson, F. A.....	1	October 3, 1893
Parker, William C.....	9	June 15, 1893
Bowly, James S.....	9	October 19, 1893
Robertson, William E.....	17	March 22, 1894

TABULATED STATEMENT.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1891.

COMMANDERY	Number	Postoffice	Created	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled	Members 1891	COMMANDER	RECORDER
Colorado	1	Denver	8	3	—	3	32	9	1	452	Sidney A. Sheppard	Edwin F. Arthur
Central City	2	Central City	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	40	Wm. J. Lewis	Samuel I. Lorch
Durango	3	Pueblo	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	105	Frank M. Dunbaugh	Chas. W. Boyman
Georgetown	4	Georgetown	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	27	W. E. Barton	Chas. W. Boyman
Mc. of the Holy Cross	5	Leadville	6	—	—	1	1	—	—	76	Chas. Cavender	Willis L. Thompson
Pike's Peak	6	Colorado Springs	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	86	James B. Severy	Willis L. Thompson
Mount Sinai	7	Boulder	4	—	—	1	4	—	—	78	James B. Severy	Willis L. Thompson
Gunnison	8	Boulder	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	78	James B. Severy	Willis L. Thompson
Gunnison	9	Gunnison	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	John A. Severy	Hiram E. Washburn
Canon City	10	Canon City	3	1	—	—	2	3	—	63	John A. Severy	Hiram E. Washburn
Greeley	11	Greeley	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	53	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Long's Peak	12	Durango	2	1	—	1	2	—	—	61	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
De Moty	13	Longmont	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	61	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Aspen Mountain	14	Fort Collins	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	61	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Rio Grande del Norte	15	Aspen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Ouray	16	Aspen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Salida	17	Ouray	3	1	—	3	—	—	—	41	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Trinidad	18	Salida	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	32	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Montrose	19	Trinidad	—	—	—	1	3	1	1	48	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Glenwood Springs	20	Montrose	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	41	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Akron	21	Glenwood Springs	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	45	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Palentine	22	Akron	4	1	—	—	2	—	—	30	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Temple	23	La Junta	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury
Denver	24	Grand Junction	4	35	—	—	—	—	—	50	Frederick W. Milson	Daniel A. Bradbury

RECAPITULATION.

No. chartered previous to this Conclave	24	Reinstated	2	Expelled	4
No. at Work	24	Died	16	No. in 1893	1593
Represented at this Conclave	20	Dimitted	63	No. in 1894	1626
Created	66	Suspended	16	Net gain	43
Admitted	48				

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY, MARCH 14, 1870.

Date	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain-General	Grand Prelate	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1876, Mar. 14	Henry M. Teller	W. D. Anthony	I. W. Stanton	J. M. Strickler	Sp. V. Finch	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1877, Mar. 13	W. W. Anthony	I. W. Stanton	H. M. Orinwald	J. M. Strickler	Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1878, Sept. 20	W. W. Anthony	I. W. Stanton	J. M. Strickler	M. Spangler	Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1879, Sept. 21	J. M. Strickler	J. M. Strickler	M. Spangler	M. Spangler	Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1880, Sept. 21	J. M. Strickler	M. Spangler	M. Spangler	M. Spangler	Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1881, Sept. 22	M. Spangler	W. H. Finch	W. H. Finch	Wm. Callerton	R. J. Mackey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1882, Sept. 22	M. Spangler	W. H. Finch	W. H. Finch	Wm. Callerton	Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1883, Sept. 21	R. W. Woodbury	J. P. Maxwell	R. W. Woodbury	Sp. J. Callerton	Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1884, Sept. 19	J. P. Maxwell	Horace N. Banks	Horace N. Banks	Sp. J. Callerton	Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1885, Sept. 18	Horace N. Banks	Aaron Grove	Aaron Grove	A. H. Brabell	Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1886, Oct. 8	Aaron Grove	A. H. Brabell	C. H. Jacobson	A. H. Brabell	Aaron Grove	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1887, Oct. 8	Aaron Grove	A. H. Brabell	C. H. Jacobson	A. H. Brabell	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1888, Sept. 21	J. H. Peabody	J. H. Peabody	J. H. Peabody	Sp. H. Peabody	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1889, Sept. 21	J. H. Peabody	J. H. Peabody	J. H. Peabody	Sp. H. Peabody	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1890, June 2	Geo. Wyman	Geo. Wyman	Geo. Wyman	Sp. H. Peabody	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1891, June 2	Blyron L. Carr	S. H. Thompson	S. H. Thompson	D. L. Carr	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1892, June 7	A. B. McRafey	A. B. McRafey	A. B. McRafey	A. J. Barnard	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1893, June 6	A. B. McRafey	Wm. D. Todd	Wm. D. Todd	Wm. J. Lawrence	R. Harvey	Geo. Wyman	Ed. C. Parmelee
1894, June 5	W. D. Todd	W. W. Rowan	W. W. Rowan	Sp. P. Shove	R. Harvey	Geo. Wyman	Ed. C. Parmelee
		E. F. Shove	E. F. Shove	Geo. J. Dunbaugh	J. W. Onl	Geo. Wyman	Ed. C. Parmelee

* Dmitted. † Expelled. ‡ Deceased.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

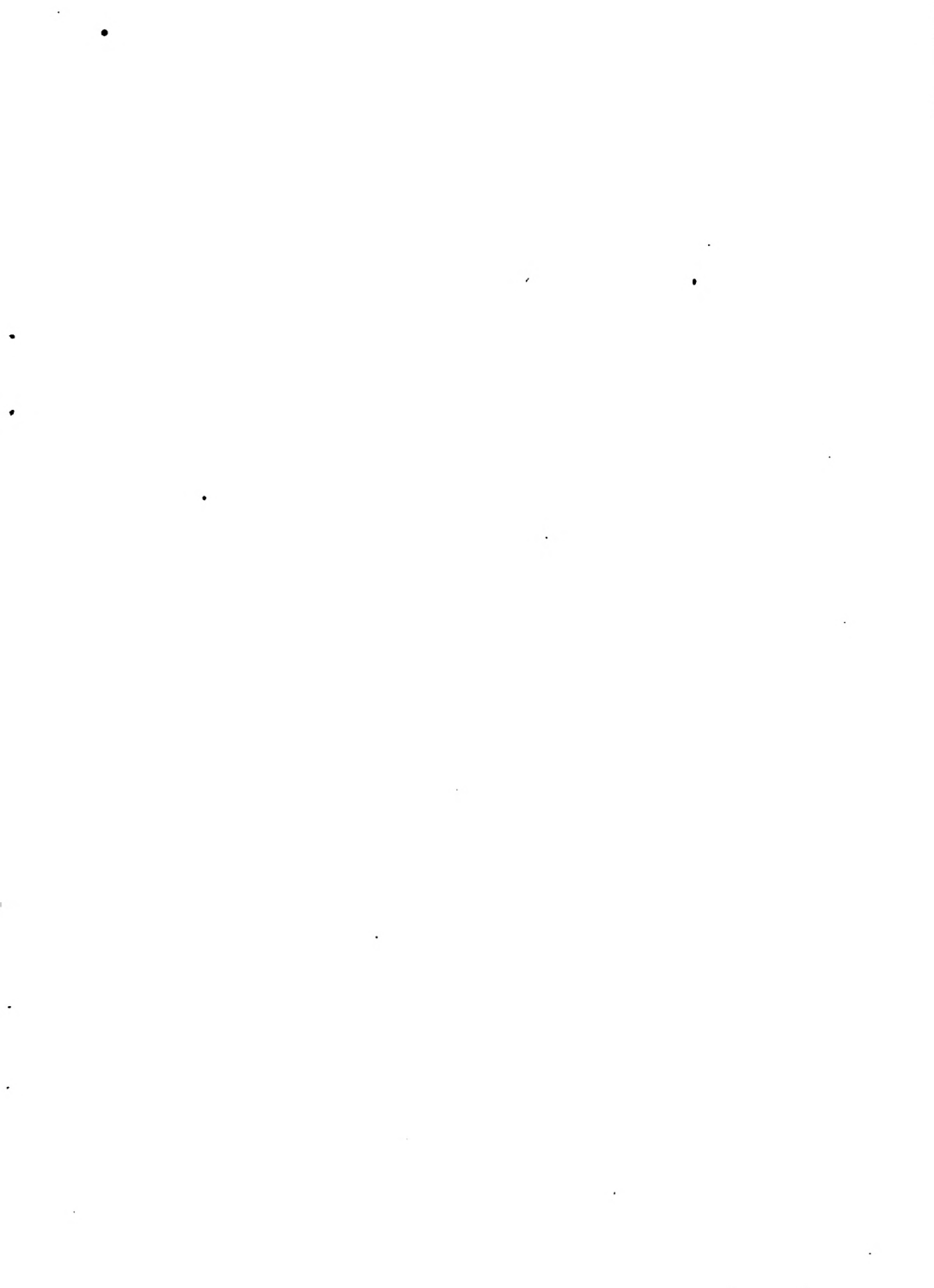
FROM			TO		
REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE	DATE OF COMMISSION	GRAND COMMANDERY	REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE
James S. Lawrence	Gunnison	January 20, 1893	Alabama	John M. Caldwell	Annisson
Frank H. Young	Durango	January 30, 1890	Arlanes	Frank Silverman	Pine Bluff
Harber M. Orinwood	Denver	March 23, 1879	California	Edwin S. Sargent	Los Angeles
Horace N. Banks	Pueblo	Decemb'r 16, 1892	Connecticut	John H. Keeler	Waverbury
Henry W. Teller	Central City	Novem'r 28, 1892	Georgia	Charles G. Mac	Savannah
Roger W. Woodbury	Denver		Illinois	S. P. Gillett	Macoon
Irving W. Stanton	Pueblo	February 15, 1893	Iowa	W. H. Loring	Frankville
Albert B. McAlister	Denver	Decemb'r 21, 1892	Kansas	Reeder G. Brown	Okaloosa
Eugene P. Shove	Gunnison	Septem'r 20, 1892	Kentucky	Albert H. Gardner	Opelika
Andrew J. Hodel	Lamar	Decemb'r 24, 1892	Louisiana		Louisville
Arcon Gray	Denver	Decemb'r 25, 1892	Maine		Babatis
Webster A. Anthony	Denver	Decemb'r 25, 1892	Maryland	Frank E. Sleeper	Baltimore
Benjamin F. Rawlins	Boulder	Decemb'r 21, 1889	Mass & Rhode Isd	C. B. Kleinfelder	Wollaston Heig ts
James F. Maxwell			Michigan	Smith B. Harrington	Coruna
			Minnesota	Hugh McHardy	Watson
Henry T. Wood	Greeley	Decemb'r 30, 1892	Mississippi	T. G. Dwyer	Vicksburg
A. A. Barnard	Leadville	January 30, 1890	Missouri	David M. Wallace	Independence
A. Sargent	Denver	January 8, 1890	Montana	Anton M. Holter	Helena
Warren M. Fletcher	Georgetown	Decemb'r 4, 1892	Nebraska	Gustav A. Johnson	Omaha
James H. Peabody	Canon City	Decemb'r 21, 1892	New Hampshire	Joseph W. Hillbreth	Manchester
E. L. N. Foster	Denver	June 17, 1884	New Jersey	Fredrick G. Weloe	Borlontown
George O. Dodge	Boulder	June 5, 1889	New York	Perry Howard	Lockport
Geo. W. Smith	Denver		North Carolina	James D. Glenn	Greensboro
William J. Ireland	Canon City	January 1, 1890	North Dakota	Wm. F. Crosby	Bismarck
Walter Adams	Pueblo	March 27, 1893	Oregon	Wm. F. Crosby	Albany
John M. Maxwell	Leadville	April 22, 1892	Ohio	William M. Booth	Cleveland
Frank H. Hill	Denver	Novem'r 24, 1892	Pennsylvania	Wm. J. Kelly	Philadelphia
William D. Todd	Denver	Novem'r 24, 1892	South Dakota	Richard C. Lake	Rapid City
Geo. N. Atwood	Denver	March 13, 1893	Tennessee	Jas. D. Richardson	Memphis
Samuel H. Thompson	Durango	January 1, 1890	Texas	John Martin	Marfreesboro
			Vermont	Katherine Haskin	Paris
Ed. C. Parmelee	Denver	October 1, 1892	Virginia	E. H. Miller	Franklinboro
James M. Ellison	Colorado Springs	January 18, 1887	Washington	Daniel T. Ayer	Danville
			West Virginia	Charles W. Scott	Walla Walla
F. A. Hunt	Aspen	Decemb'r 15, 1892	Wisconsin	Wm. H. Hughes	Parkersburgh
			Wyoming	Geo. East	Milwaukee
Byron L. Carr	Loumont	Decemb'r 28, 1892			Cheyenne

DIRECTORY.

GRAND COMANDERY	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE	GRAND RECORDER	RESIDENCE	CORRESPONDENT	RESIDENCE
Alabama	Charles Wheelock	Birmingham	E. R. Hastings	Montgomery	Geo. F. Moore	Montgomery
Arizona	Geo. J. Roskrans	Tucson	Douglas Snyder	Tucson	F. J. H. Rickon	Little Rock
Arkansas	Wm. M. Mellette	Fort Smith	Jas. A. Hoppy	San Francisco	Wm. A. Davies	San Francisco
California	Frank Wm. Sumner	San Francisco	Thos. H. Cuswell	San Francisco	Henry Robertson	Collingwood
Canada	E. E. Sheppard	Toronto	Daniel Spry	Barrie	Harper M. Orakood	Denver
Colorado	Wm. David Todd	Denver	Ed. C. Farnum	Harford	Grand Recorder	
Connecticut	G. Herrick Wilson	Meriden	Joseph K. Wheeler	Savannah	Roland B. Hall	
Georgia	Park Woodward	Atlanta	S. P. Hamilton	Chicago	John C. Smith	Macon
Illinois	Harvey M. Hall	Olney	Gil W. Bernard	Indianapolis	N. R. Buckle	Chicago
Indiana	Chas. W. Slick	Michawaka	Wm. H. Smythe	Des Moines	J. C. W. Cox	Indianapolis
Iowa	David W. Clements	West Union	Alf Wingate	Leavenworth	Grand Recorder	Washington
Kansas	Alexander G. Robb	McPherson	Dwight Byington	Covington	Chas. R. Woodruff	Louisville
Kentucky	James D. Lawie	Bowling Green	L. D. Croninger	New Orleans	J. Q. A. Feltow	New Orleans
Louisiana	Charles F. Buck	New Orleans	Richard Lambert	Portland	Grand Recorder	Baltimore
Maine	Wm. J. Landers	Gardiner	Stephen Berry	Baltimore	F. J. S. Gorgas	Baltimore
Maryland	James P. Clark	Baltimore	John H. Miller	Boston	Henry W. Kug	Providence, R. I.
Mass., & R. Island	Charles C. Fry	Saginaw	B. W. Rowell	Detroit	Grand Recorder	Natchez
Michigan	Charles H. Farnsey	St. Paul	John A. Gerow	St. Paul	E. Geo. DeLap	Norfolk
Minnesota	W. H. S. Wright	Natchez	Thos. Montgomery	St. Louis	Grand Recorder	Newport
Mississippi	J. C. French	Kanana City	J. L. Power	Helena	Wm. T. Whitmarsh	Troy
Missouri	Thomas R. Morrow	Billings	Wm. H. Mayo	Omaha	A. S. Walt	Wilmington
Montana	Albert L. Babcock	Red Cloud	W. R. Bowen	New York	Grand Recorder	Cincinnati
Nebraska	James A. Tulley	Manchester	Cornelius Hedges	Fargo	John Chase	Portland
New Hampshire	Chas. C. Hayes	Trenton	Geo. P. Cheves	Dayton	E. T. Carson	Pittsburg
New Jersey	James McCallin	Brooklyn	Clara Buchel	Philadelphia	Lee S. Smith	
New York	John H. Bevington	Ashtville	H. H. Munson			
North Carolina	Alphonse H. Cobb	Bismarck	Frank J. Thompson			
North Dakota	Joseph Hare	Cleveland	John N. Ball			
Ohio	Henry P. McIntosh	Portland	Jas. F. Robinson			
Oregon	John M. Rodson	Norristown	Mont. H. Smith			
Pennsylvania	Irving P. Wagner					

DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

GRAND COMMANDERY	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE	GRAND RECORDER	RESIDENCE	CORRESPONDENT	RESIDENCE
South Dakota	Wm. J. McMakin	Torraville	Wm. H. Holl	Siox Falls	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandrau
Tennessee	Charles H. Eastman	Nashville	Wilber F. Foster	Nashville	Grand Recorder	.....
Texas	E. J. Fry	Marshall	Robert Brewster	Houston	R. M. Elgin	Houston
Virginia	Marcell O. Perkins	Windsor	W. G. Reynolds	Bartington	K. Haskins	Brattleboro
Virginia	E. E. Downhiser	Alexandria	Wm. B. Isaacs	Richmond	Grand Recorder	.....
Washington	Eugene T. Wilson	Ellensburg	Yancey C. Blalock	Walla Walla	Grand Recorder	.....
West Virginia	W. W. Van Winkle	Parkersburg	R. C. Dunnington	Parment	Odell S. Long	Charleston
Wisconsin	Eugene S. Elliott	Milwaukee	John W. Latif	Milwaukee	Wm. C. Swain	Milwaukee
Wyoming	William Daley	Rawlins	John C. Bard	Cheyenne	Grand Recorder	.....
United States	Hugh McFarley	Coruana, Mich.	Wm. B. Isaacs	Richmond, Va.	.....	.....



OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

HUGH McCURDY, Corunna, Mich.	Grand Master
W. LARUE THOMAS, Danville, Ky.	Deputy Grand Master
REUBEN H. LLOYD, San Francisco, Cala.	Grand Generalissimo
HENRY B. STODDARD, Bryan, Texas	Grand Captain General
JOSEPH M. MCGEATH, Morgan Park, Ills.	Grand Prelate
GEORGE M. MOULTON, Chicago, Ills.	Grand Senior Warden
HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.	Grand Junior Warden
H. WALES LINES, Meriden, Conn.	Grand Treasurer
WM. B. ISAACS, Richmond, Va.	Grand Recorder
WM. B. MELLISH, Cincinnati, Ohio	Grand Standard Bearer
*GEORGE C. CONNOR, Chattanooga, Tenn.	Grand Sword Bearer
HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver, Colo.	Grand Warder
JOHN A. SLOAN, St. Louis, Mo.	Grand Captain of the Guard

*Died March 9, 1894.

The Twenty-sixth Triennial will be held in Boston, Mass., August 27, 1895.

CODE OF STATUTES
THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR and the Appendant Orders, of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

JURISDICTION.

SECTION 1. Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

OBJECTS.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. It may therefor make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause annul and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies

under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violations of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well-being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first nine of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R.: E.: Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held in the city of Denver on the first Tuesday of June each year.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES, DUES AND FINANCES.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood a sum not less than seventy-five (\$75) dollars.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For dispensation, ninety (\$90) dollars; and for charter, the further sum of ten (\$10) dollars.

SEC. 3. Each Subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five (\$5) dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of fifty cents annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every Subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns to the first day of the month next preceding the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, a list of officers and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each Annual Conclave. The Recorder of each Commandery shall, immediately after the annual election, furnish the Grand Recorder a list of such officers.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

SECTION 1. Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following Standing Committees, of three Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these Committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns, and documents appertaining thereto; these Committees shall hold to the close of the session.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next Annual Conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. No amendment or alteration can be made to these Statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of August of each year, for such an amount as may be necessary to pay the dues due from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar.—1876, page 13.

2. *Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery donates to the M. W. Grand Lodge Library all the Proceedings of its sister Grand Commanderies and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Commandery.—1878, page 18.

3. By Chapter 44 of the Code of Statutes, the Grand Commandery is prohibited from making any change in the uniform as adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1862.

4. The purchase of "uniform" uniforms can best be regulated by the Subordinate Commanderies taking the matter under their own immediate control, and making contracts with a particular manufacturer for supplying their wants. And Subordinate Commanderies are hereby instructed to see that uniforms hereafter obtained by or for their members be made in every respect according to the statutes of the Grand Encampment.—1882, page 14.

5. *Resolved*, That the Ritual as promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States at the Triennial Conclave held in 1883, and known as the "Short Form" of Ritual, be and is hereby adopted as the work of said Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.—1885, page 14.

6. That hereafter each application to receive the orders of Knighthood in this jurisdiction shall bear upon its face the following words: "This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected."—1885, page 14.

7. A rejected candidate shall not be entitled to any other information save that he is rejected; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and upon conviction, expelled from the Order. It is hereby declared to be the duty of the Eminent Commander or Recorder of each Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery, to publish this

statute to his Commandery whenever a petition for the orders shall be voted upon by his Commandery.—1885, page 15.

8. *Resolved*, That the advice of Grand Commander Maxwell, in his address, upon the impropriety of establishing new Commanderies unless sufficiently far removed from old Commanderies as not to interfere with their efficiency, receive the hearty endorsement of this Grand Commandery.—1885, page 19.

9. No dispensation shall be issued for Commanderies U. D., without each applicant be clear on the books of his Commandery to date of the next Annual Grand Conclave, or present a dimit.—1886, page 20.

10. *Resolved*, That the "Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar," by H. B. Grant, be adopted for the use and government of Subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.—1886, page 23.

11. *Resolved*, That hereafter all necessary personal expenses of the Grand Commander and other Grand Officers, when on official visits or other duty, be borne by the Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder be and is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of any such Grand Officer for the payment of such necessary personal expenses, upon presentation to him of an account of such expenses, approved by the Grand Commander.—1887, page 25.

12. *Resolved*, That the trophy now belonging to this Grand Commandery may be competed for, in a competitive drill, by any two or more Commanderies of Colorado, to take place at the close of the session of the Grand Commandery each year; said trophy to become the property of the Commandery winning three times; *Provided*, the rules adopted by the Grand Commandery for the drill of 1887 shall prevail.—1888, page 23.

The rules above referred to are:

First—Each Commandery competing for the prize shall consist of eighteen Sir Knights, two guides and one officer—twenty-one constituting the number.

Second—All movements and manual evolutions to be authorized by Grant's Tactics, pages 11 to 148 inclusive.

Third—Twenty-five minutes shall be allowed each Commandery for executing the movements indicated on card drawn by the officer of that Commandery.

Fourth—The several Commanderies entering for drill shall, through their commanding officer, by lot, determine their time for drill.

Fifth—Three judges to be appointed, who shall be competent Knights Templar, if convenient, living without this jurisdiction to be selected by the Grand Commander of this jurisdiction.

Sixth—The manual of the sword, movements, evolutions, have been placed on five cards, each card representing a variety of movements, all contained in Grant's Manual between pages 11 and 148 inclusive; cards are numbered one to five consecutively. The movements on each card are noted with the page where they will be found in Grant's Manual; each commanding officer to draw from the judges one of these cards, about face, take command of his commandery, and in the following twenty-five minutes or less, execute all the movements on the card.

13. *Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery recognizes as Masonry in this State only such organizations as are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Commandery K. T., the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, presided over by Albert Pike and Henry L. Palmer.—1888, page 25.

14. *Resolved*, That on the evening of the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, that work on the Templar Order be conferred by such officers as may be designated by the Grand Commander at the previous Annual Conclave.—1889, page 27.

15. *Resolved*, That the Grand Officers and the officers highest in rank representing each chartered Commandery in the jurisdiction shall be allowed their actual traveling expenses going and returning from their place of residence to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.—1889, page 26.

16. All Commanderies are requested to report their members alphabetically.—1890, page 30.

17. *Resolved, First*—Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day, are hereby set apart as days of special observance by the Commanderies and Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, and that they have authority to appear in public, in full Templar uniform, for the observance, by suitable ceremonies, of any one or all of the days herein mentioned, without special dispensation. The Sunday preceding or following Ascension Day may be observed in lieu of Ascension Day, by any Commandery desiring so to do.

18. *Second*—Each Commandery commemorating any of these events with services appropriate to the day, shall do so within their respective Asylums, or in some church of Christian worship, where practicable. The Recorder thereof shall immediately thereafter report to the Grand Commander which of the days has been observed, the number of Sir Knights in attendance, and a brief description of the ceremonies.—1890, pages 35 and 36; 1894, page 24.

19. It is unlawful for a Sir Knight to represent any Subordinate Commandery in this Grand Commandery by proxy other than the

one of which he was then a member. Unaffiliation would deprive the Sir Knight of the right to represent by proxy the Commandery of which he was formerly a member.—1890, page 35.

20. "*Sir Knights belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction should not apply for dimits in order to sign a petition for dispensation, but they should pay dues to the time of the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and receipts therefor should accompany the petition. Sir Knights not belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction must present dimits with the petition for dispensation.*"—1891, page 21.

21. "For the purpose of settling the questions that have arisen as to the proper manner of executing the following sword movements, on which authorities disagree, and in order to secure a uniformity in this jurisdiction, with the approval of the Grand Captain-General, I courteously suggest the following, and request their adoption by the Commanderies until the next meeting of the Grand Commandery :

DRAW SWORDS.

"At the command *draw*, seize the scabbard with the left hand near the top, inclining it to the front, seize the grip firmly with the right hand and draw the blade until the right forearm is horizontal across the body, the back of the hand toward the breast.

"*Second movement* : At the command SWORDS, draw the sword, fully extending the arm at an angle of forty-five degrees, the sword extended on the prolongation of the arm, edge down.

"*Third movement* : Turn the sword and bring it to the position of present.

"*Fourth movement* : Bring the back of the blade to the right shoulder, the blade nearly vertical, edge to the front, arm nearly extended, thumb and forefinger embracing the grip, the other fingers extended and joined in rear of the grip (position of carry swords).

SUPPORT SWORDS.

"At the command *swords*, carry the left hand to the right side near the shoulder, grasping the blade with the thumb and finger of the left hand a little below the shoulder.

"*Second movement* : With both hands carry the sword to the left side, the right hand firmly grasping the grip near the end, edge of blade to the front, right arm horizontal across the body.

"*Third movement* : Fold the left arm over the right, fingers embracing the right arm near elbow, the guard resting on the forearm, the blade vertical, edge to the front."—*B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 29.*

22. That the instructions of the Grand Commander in regard to the manual of the sword be approved.—*Adopted June, 1892, page 33.*

23. WHEREAS, We believe that the annual meetings of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, in General Conclave, will greatly enhance the interests and benefits of our Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all Commanderies holding charters or dispensations under this Grand Commandery are hereby cordially invited and earnestly requested to attend the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and that all Sir Knights, members of such Commanderies, are requested to attend such Conclaves in full Templar uniform.—*Sept., 1892, page 24.*

24. Whenever any Sir Knight who has served as Eminent Commander in any other jurisdiction, wishes to become a member of this Grand Commandery, under the provisions of Subdivision 4 of Section 26, Article XI of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, he shall present a petition, signed by himself, which shall be substantially in the following form:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado:

I would respectfully apply for membership in this Grand Commandery by virtue of having been Commander of.....
Commandery No....., located at....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of....., and having changed my membership to..... Commandery No....., located at....., Colorado, a Commandery working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,

(Signed).....

He shall also file with the Grand Recorder a certificate, under seal of the Grand Commandery of which he was formerly a member, setting forth the fact of such membership, also a certificate under seal of the Commandery within this jurisdiction of which at the time of making such application he is a member, setting forth the fact of such membership.

After reference to and report thereon by an appropriate committee, this Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein.—*Sept., 1892, page 21.*

25. The Grand Commandery requests each Subordinate Commandery to perfect themselves in Grant's Tactics, to be able to compete at the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery for the trophy which this Grand Commandery has already provided.—*1893, page 31.*

26. Upon the receipt of the Ritual, the Grand Recorder, under the direction of the Grand Commander, will distribute the same to the Subordinate Commanderies, with proper rules and instructions for the preservation and delivery of same to succeeding officers, and that the Commanderies be requested to use the new Ritual at once; but in any event all the Subordinate Commanderies must be prepared to use the same on and after the first day of January next, as required by the action of the Grand Encampment.—1893, *page 31*.

DECISIONS

NOW IN FORCE, AS APPROVED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

1. Only those who joined in the petition for dispensation, and those who received the orders in the Commandery, compose a Commandery Under Dispensation. New members, other than those who received the orders in the Commandery, can not be received by a Commandery while Under Dispensation.—*H. M. Oranhood, 1880, page 6.*

2. The Recorder should only receive money or its equivalent, and at once deposit it with the Treasurer, and no money should be withdrawn from the Treasurer's hands except by order of the Commander or E. C., when properly authorized.—*M. Spangler, 1882, page 7.*

3. The Eminent Commander of a Commandery stated by letter that Sir J. W., had removed from the State, and desired a dimit, but that he did not see how it could be granted. I wrote him to grant the dimit if the Sir Knight was in good standing and his dues were paid.

4. A Commandery U. D. can perform only such acts as are defined in the dispensation, *i. e.*: to meet as a Commandery and to confer the orders of Knighthood. They can not admit unaffiliated Knights to membership while under dispensation.

5. The Commander of the Mt. of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, applied, under date of July 5, 1883, for the privilege to act upon a petition for membership prior to the expiration of the required six months from the date of the former rejection of same applicant, on the ground that the member who had cast the only black ball at the previous ballot, dimitted, and the applicant desired to visit San Francisco as a Knight, in August. I decided that the rejection of the applicant was perfectly legal, and there was no good reason why he should not wait the usual period.—*M. H. Fitch, 1883, page 5.*

To the last decision the Grand Commandery adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which said:

This decision is approved and heartily recommended for the guidance of Grand Commanders in similar cases in future.—*1883, page 10.*

6. My correspondence in the nature of advice and instruction to Sir Knights engaged in the starting of new Commanderies, has been somewhat extensive, and I report some of the features, which may appear trivial to you, for the instruction of such as are not so well informed, and may desire to inaugurate new Commanderies hereafter.

7. Sir Knights engaged in the inauguration of new Commanderies should first of all obtain from the Grand Recorder a copy of the last proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and a copy of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

8. Applications should show from whence the applicants hail.

9. A recommendation of a petition, though of a general character and not specific according to the formula, should be understood as covering all points that are essential for the Grand Commander to know.

10. All papers essential for a dispensation become part of the permanent records of the Grand Recorder's office, and mutilated papers therefore can not be accepted.

21. Promises to forward essential papers at some future period after the issuance of dispensation are useless. The papers must be supplied in advance.

12. Labored assertions to the Grand Commander that applications are correct and ought to be satisfactory, should be avoided as superfluous and bordering on impertinence.

13. Petitions must be endorsed by the nearest Commandery, and not necessarily by the most convenient.

14. The officers of a Commandery under dispensation can not be installed, but, on receipt of their authority, assemble the Sir Knights, read the same, open a Commandery and proceed to work.

15. The Grand Commander can not take five or six Sir Knights to visit a neighboring town, there open a Commandery and make enough Knights to apply for a dispensation, and no Grand Commander would do so if he could.

16. All signers to the application for dispensation, and all Knighted in that Commandery, have the right to vote on petitions in a Commandery under dispensation.

17. The three principal officers of a Commandery under dispensation, as such, can not form and open a Commandery for the transaction of business as three Sir Knights hailing from three different Commanderies, under the sanction of a warrant from some Grand Commandery.

18. *Question*.—"Can a non-affiliate in Lodge and Chapter receive the orders in Colorado?" *Answer in full*.—"The Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States declares it unnecessary for an applicant for the orders to be a member of Lodge or Chapter; yet another section declares that expulsion or suspension from his Masonic rights by Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. The Grand Lodge of Colorado has a law that all non-affiliates not making application for membership within twelve months shall be deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry. A Grand Master's ruling on this has been approved by Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge, that the penalty for non-affiliation can be inflicted only after charges and trial. There is, therefore, no law to prevent the orders being conferred on a non-affiliated Master and Royal Arch Mason. Yet, if such person has been a non-affiliated Master for twelve months, he is every day living in opposition to a Grand Lodge law, for which he is liable at any moment to be placed under charges and convicted; in which event he would be deprived of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. Therefore, while the non-affiliate is eligible for the orders if not deprived of his Masonic rights, it is certainly not prudent to confer them upon him during existing Grand Lodge laws."—*R. W. Woodbury, 1884, pages 6 to 9.*

19. A member can not interpose an objection to the conferring of the Order in the midst of the ceremony, for reasons that existed prior to the initial steps.—*J. P. Maxwell, 1885, page 10.*

20. The E. C. of No. 16 asked how his Commandery should proceed to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon a candidate elected to receive them in No. 8?

I replied:

There are two methods:

First—Upon request of No. 8, in which event all fees would belong to No. 8, and to which the candidate would regularly belong when created, and to become a member of No. 16 it would be necessary for him to dimit from No. 8 and join by affiliation. In that case a dispensation from the Grand Commander empowering No. 16 to confer the Orders would be necessary before you could proceed. (See Title 44, Section 1, of Code of Grand Encampment.)

Second—Upon a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of No. 16 by No. 8, granted by unanimous vote, and a petition in due form presented to your Commandery, accompanied by such waiver, which petition

would take the same course as other petitions for the Orders, and when created the candidate would be a member of No. 16. The fee paid No 8 at the time of making the application for the Orders, would in this case belong to that Commandery.—*J. H. Peabody, 1890, page 18.*

21. A by-law providing for a summary suspension of members without previous trial and conviction, is in violation of the Code of Statutes and of a well known general principle of law.

22. A petition was received unaccompanied by the fee, but the payment was guaranteed; the fee was paid before ballot. I decided that the petition was regularly before the Commandery.

23. A Commandery desiring to celebrate any of the Templar festivals or any other than the regular festival days, would require a dispensation to enable them to do so.—*B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 24.*

24. A petition that stated that affiant "had not made previous application *here*" is insufficient, as it does not contain the information required by Section 1 of Title XLV of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and that it could be ordered laid on the table or returned to the petitioner, as might be thought best.

25. It is immaterial whether the application for waiver be made by the applicant or by the Commandery; the better course would be for the applicant to secure the waiver himself, and attach it to the petition.—*B. L. Carr, September, 1892, page 8.*

26. A Commandery has the right to try an affiliated Sir Knight, belonging to a sister Commandery, for an offense committed within its territorial jurisdiction.—*A. B. McGaffey, 1894, page 11.*

UNIFORM.

The Uniform of a Knight Templar, as adopted and prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Colorado at the Annual Conclave in 1888.

FULL DRESS.

Black frock coat, black pantaloons, sword, belt, shoulder straps, gloves, gauntlets and chapeau.

COAT.

The coat shall be of black broadcloth, single-breasted, the skirts to extend from two-thirds to three-fourths the distance from the hip joint to the bend of the knee.

There shall be a row of nine flat, black cloth buttons on the breast, equal in distance one from the other, four buttons on the back and skirt, two at the hip and one at the lower end of each side edge; two smaller buttons of the same kind on the lower seam at the wrist.

The side edges to extend two-thirds the length of the skirt.

A stand-up collar, of the same material as the coat, not less than one or more than one and one-half inches in height, square corners in front and slope up and backwards slightly.

The edges plain, the lining black.

An appropriate cross may be worn on the outside of the cuff.

It is not intended to make the wearing of the regulation coat obligatory. A frock coat of black cloth in the usual style may be worn. But Sir Knights hereafter procuring uniforms shall conform to the foregoing requirements.

PANTALOONS.

Of black broadcloth or doe-skin.

SWORD.

To be thirty-four to forty inches long, inclusive of scabbard; helmet head, cross handle and metal scabbard, with cross of proper grade one inch in height.

a. For Sir Knights: White metal scabbard suspended by three white metal rings; hilt black, ornamented with Passion Cross.

b. Eminent and Past Eminent Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated, with Passion Cross on white ivory hilt.

c. Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated, Templar Cross on white ivory hilt.

d. The hilt may have the owner's monogram on one side.

BELT.

Red enameled or patent leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, fastened around the body with a clasp.

a. For Sir Knights: Color, vermilion red; the belt to be stitched in double rows with white silk; clasp of white metal, plain, oval shaped, with Passion Cross on face of clasp.

(N. B.—Commanderies may have name and number on face of clasp, providing all members wear the same.)

Two short barrel chains of white metal, to support the sword, and a third chain to extend from left button on back of coat to lower ring of scabbard; chain supported by metal slides from the belt, with a hook on which to hang the sword at the belt on the front side.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above, with gilt clasp, one strip of gold lace in center of belt, half inch wide, and gilt chains for carrying sword.

c. Officers of Grand Commandery, so long as they remain in office: Same as above, except a Templar Cross on belt clasp, and two strips of gold lace, one-quarter of an inch wide, on upper and lower edge of belt.

d. Past Grand Commanders: Same as above, except three strips of gold lace, one quarter of an inch wide, proportionately divided.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

To be such as are set forth and described in the edict of 1862, and subsequent amendments of the Grand Encampment, and can be worn only by officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders, Past Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General.

INSIGNIA OF OFFICE.

As the statutes of the Grand Encampment forbid the use of shoulder straps by any officer of a Commandery, under the rank of Captain-General, it is hereby ordered that such subordinate officers be entitled to wear an embroidery in silver on both sleeves, between the elbow and shoulder, designating the office they respectively bear. Said embroidery to be two inches square.

The wearing of jewels, coats of arms, or badges of any kind other than those strictly Masonic, is prohibited in any public display of the Order.

GLOVES.

Shall be of buff lisle thread.

CHAPEAU.

a. For Sir Knights: The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, two black and one white ostrich plumes; red velvet Passion Cross, on left side, in black satin rosette. The front and rear peaks of chapeau to be extended four and one-fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at head.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders. The same, except gold Passion Cross and rays.

c. Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders: Same, with embroidered gold Templar Cross in red velvet.

CAP.

For Commanders, Past Commanders and officers of the Grand Commandery: To be of black cloth, three inches in height, with straight visor and rounded points; around the base of the cap to be a band of gold lace, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side a gold button, fastening a double gold cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond with the cross on the chapeau.

For Sir Knights and officers below the rank of Commander: To be of the same style and material as that worn by a Commander; the gold band to be omitted, and in place of same to be a band of black silk webbing, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side to be a silver button, fastening a double silver cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond with the cross on the chapeau.

All caps to have glazed covers for service in stormy weather.

CROSSES.

Sir Knights, Commanders and Past Commanders of subordinate Commanderies will wear the Passion Cross.

Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders, the Templar Cross.

On the side of the chapeau, to be three inches in height; on the sword, one inch; on the gauntlet, two inches.—1888, page 18.

Resolved, That all the Commanderies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, which are now fully equipped with ivory hilted swords, may continue their use in the equipment of newly made Knights, but that the newly knighted of Commanderies which are not so equipped, and all those Knighted in new Commanderies, shall conform strictly in all its particulars to the statutes of this Grand Commandery entitled "Uniform," as adopted at the Annual Conclave in 1888.—1890, page 29.

FORMS.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir
Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado.

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and, that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at and to be known as Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir to be the first Commander ; Sir to be the first Generalissimo ; and Sir to be the first Captain-General of said new Commandery ; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at, in the county of, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of the R. E. Grand Commander, the statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the Order.

Date

The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order, and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.00.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of
Commandery No., Knights Templar, stationed at
Colorado :

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M. in Lodge No. and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A., in Chapter No., and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery ; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is

Residence Occupation

Dated at Colo., A. D. 18....

We recommend Companion to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

(The candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information save that he has been rejected.)—*See Standing Order 7.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confined to them, and report

....., Colo., A. D. 18...., A. O.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of
Commandery No., Knights Templar, stationed at
Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar and late a member of Commandery No., stationed at as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is

Residence Occupation

..... Colo., A. D. 18...., A. O. 77....

We recommend Sir to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

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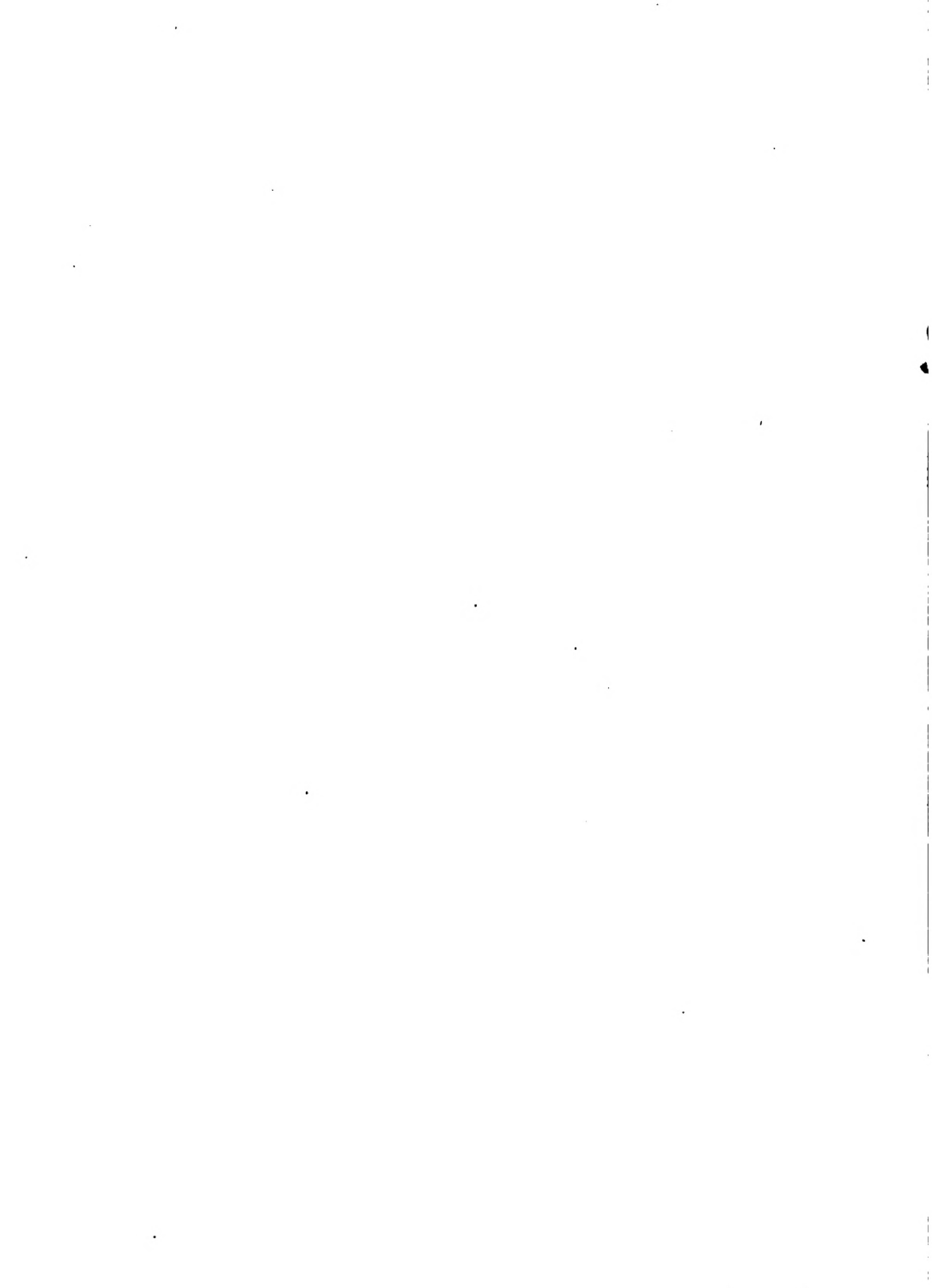
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1894-1895.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

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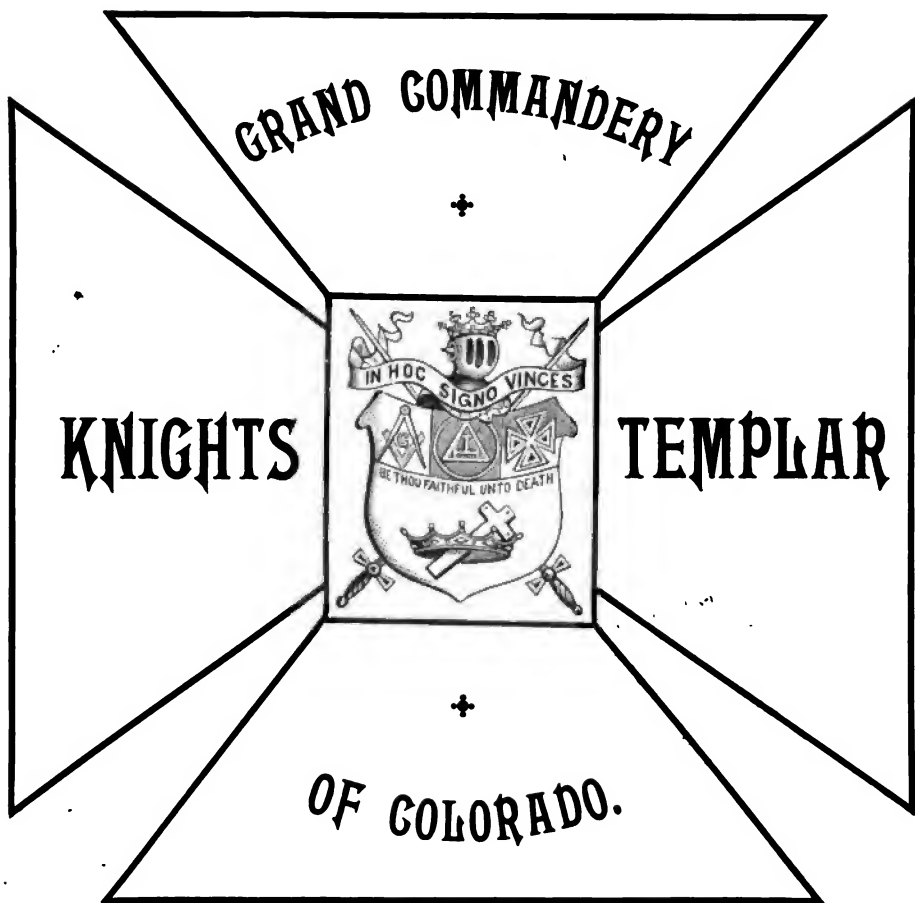
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OF THE



DENVER, COLORADO, 1895.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
Knights Templar of Colorado.



AT ITS
Twentieth Conclave,
HELD AT DENVER,
JUNE 4, A. D. 1895.

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SIR HARRY A. LEE (16), Leadville	E. G. S. W.
SIR JULIUS B. BISSELL (25), Denver.....	E. G. J. W.
SIR GEORGE WYMAN (25), Denver	E. G. TREAS.
SIR ED. C. PARMELEE (25), Masonic Temple, Denver..	E. G. REC.
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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, 1895.

Denver, Colo., June 4, 1895.

The officers and members of the Grand Commandery assembled at the Brown Palace Hotel, whence they were escorted by Colorado Commandery No. 1 to their Asylum in the Masonic Temple, where the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in its Twentieth Annual Conclave, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Every Grand Officer in his station as follows:

SIR WILLIAM D. TODD	R. E. G. C.
SIR WILLIAM W. ROWAN	V. E. D. G. C.
SIR EUGENE P. SHOYE	E. G. G.
SIR GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH	E. G. C. G.
SIR JOHN WALLIS OHL	E. G. PRE.
SIR JOHN M. MAXWELL	E. G. S. W.
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SIR GEORGE WYMAN	E. G. TREAS.
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SIR SILAS W. CHANEY	E. G. STANDARD B.
SIR JOSEPH A. WOODBURY	E. G. SWORD B.
SIR JULIUS B. BISSELL	E. G. WARDER.
SIR THOMAS LINTON	E. G. C. OF GUARD.

And representatives from twenty-two chartered Commanderies, all but Nos. 20 and 21.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

OPENED.

The Grand Commandery was opened in Ample form by the R. E. Grand Commander.

CREDENTIALS.

SIR THE GRAND RECORDER (25),
SIR WILLIAM W. ROLLER (17),
SIR DABIOUS S. BARTON (25),

Were appointed as a Committee on Credentials.

The report of the committee shows the following officers and members were present during the session:

GRAND OFFICERS.

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EUGENE P. SHOVE (8)	E. G. G.
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH (3)	E. G. C. G.
JOHN WALLIS OHL (17)	E. G. PRE.
JOHN M. MAXWELL (5)	E. G. S. W.
HARRY A. LEE (16)	E. G. J. W.
GEORGE WYMAN (25)	E. G. TREAS.
ED. C. PARMELEE (25)	E. G. REC.
SILAS W. CHANEY (1)	E. G. STANDARD B.
JOSEPH A. WOODBURY (10)	E. G. SWORD B.
JULIUS B. BISSELL (25)	E. G. WARDER.
THOMAS LINTON (1)	E. G. C. OF GUARD.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

WEBSTER D. ANTHONY (1),	IRVING W. STANTON (3),
HARPER M. ORAHOOD (25),	JAMES M. STRICKLER (1),
AARON GOVE (25),	GEORGE WYMAN (25), G. Treas.
BYRON L. CARR (12),	ALPHONSE A. BURNAND (5),

ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY (1).

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO.

CHARLES H. JACOBSON (4).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMANDERIES.

[Those present in *Italics*.]

COLORADO No. 1, DENVER.

REPRESENTATIVES.

<i>Ed. G. Arnold</i>	E. C.
<i>Wesley J. Gibbs</i>	G.
<i>William D. Peirce</i>	C. G.

PROXIES.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

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CENTRAL CITY No. 2, CENTRAL CITY.

REPRESENTATIVES.		PROXIES.
William J. Lewis	E. C.	Richard Harvey.
Richard Harvey	G.	
George W. Mabee	C. G.	

PUEBLO No. 3, PUEBLO.

Walter L. Dorland	E. C.	
Julius D. Brown	G.	
John J. Willard	C. G.	Walter L. Dorland.

GEORGETOWN No. 4, GEORGETOWN.

Warren M. Fletcher	E. C.	
Jesse M. Copeland	G.	
Thomas Bennett	C. G.	Warren M. Fletcher.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS No. 5, LEADVILLE.

Charles Cavender	E. C.	
George P. Brown	G.	Daniel McNiven.
David LaSalle	C. G.	Charles Cavender.

PIKE'S PEAK No. 6, COLORADO SPRINGS.

James B. Severy	E. C.	
William H. Reed	G.	James B. Severy.
Thomas Hughes	C. G.	Ernest M. Lotz.

MOUNT SINAI No. 7, BOULDER.

James L. Morehead	E. C.	
Geo. F. Fonda	G.	
Fred L. Williamson	C. G.	James L. Morehead.

GUNNISON No. 8, GUNNISON.

John A. Steele	E. C.	William J. Fine.
John E. Brothers	G.	William J. Fine.
Michael Monahan	C. G.	William J. Fine.

CANON CITY No. 9, CANON CITY.

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Thomas H. Craven	G.	William H. Trout.
Morton S. Bailey	C. G.	William H. Trout.

GREELEY No. 10, GREELEY.

Sharon Atkinson	E. C.	
William Maybaw	G.	Sharon Atkinson.
L. B. Willard	C. G.	Sharon Atkinson.

IVANHOE No. 11, DURANGO.

Jethro C. Sanford	E. C.	Hiram Bullis.
Peter L. Hanson	G.	Hiram Bullis.
Charles S. Butler	C. G.	Hiram Bullis.

LONG'S PEAK No. 12, LONGMONT.

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Willis A. Warner	G.	
James W. Denio	C. G.	

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REPRESENTATIVES.

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 James B. Arthur G.
 Leander Giddings C. G.

PROXIES.

Leander Giddings.

ASPEN MOUNTAIN NO. 14, ASPEN.

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 Walter S. Clark C. G. *Frederick A. Hunt.*

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE NO. 15, ALAMOSA.

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 John Gerteisen G.
 George A. Willis C. G.

OURAY NO. 16, OURAY.

Walter F. Wheeler E. C. *George C. Pierce.*
 William W. Ashley G. *Chas. A. Armstrong.*
 George C. Pierce C. G.

SALIDA NO. 17, SALIDA.

William W. Roller E. C.
 George W. Ross G.
 William G. Sisson C. G. *John Wallis Ohl.*

ORIENTAL NO. 18, TRINIDAD.

James L. Bridge E. C. *Lorin H. Roberts.*
 Lorin H. Roberts G.
 William M. Mahin C. G. *Lorin H. Roberts.*

MONTROSE NO. 19, MONTROSE.

Sterling S. Sherman. E. C.
 George H. Smith G. *Sterling S. Sherman.*
 John M. Reynolds C. G. *Sterling S. Sherman.*

GLENWOOD SPRINGS NO. 20, GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

Not represented.

AKRON NO. 21, AKRON.

Not represented.

PALESTINE NO. 22, LA JUNTA.

Charles F. Kendall. E. C.
 Edwin J. Smith G. *Charles F. Kendall.*
 Joseph B. Pearce C. G. *Charles F. Kendall.*

TEMPLE NO. 23, GRAND JUNCTION.

Lawrence M. Miller E. C. *Edward F. Eldridge.*
Edward F. Eldridge. G.
 Charles E. Glessner C. G.

DENVER NO. 25, DENVER.

George N. Atwood. E. C.
Darius A. Barton. G.
 Jerome A. Vickers C. G. *Darius A. Barton.*

GRAND COMMANDERY.

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PAST COMMANDERS.

L. N. Greenleaf.....	No. 1
Fred A. Williams.....	No. 1
S. A. Shepperd.....	No. 1
Henry C. Frost.....	No. 1
Wm. W. Anderson.....	No. 1
J. M. Rhoads.....	No. 1
Lathan W. Jones.....	No. 1
Daniel McNiven.....	No. 5
Wm. J. Fine.....	No. 8
Geo. W. Roe.....	No. 9
Linville J. Hall.....	No. 9
John H. Guilfoil.....	No. 18
Joseph J. Bender.....	No. 21
Charles H. Wood.....	No. 25

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

California.....	Harper M. Orahood (25)
Indiana.....	Irving W. Stanton (3)
Iowa.....	Albert B. McGaffey (1)
Kansas.....	Eugene P. Shove (8)
Louisiana.....	Aaron Gove (25)
Maine.....	Webster D. Anthony (1)
Mississippi.....	Alphonse A. Burnand (5)
Montana.....	Warren M. Fletcher (4)
New York.....	George Wyman (25)
Oregon.....	John M. Maxwell (5)
Pennsylvania.....	Wm. D. Todd (25)
South Dakota.....	Geo. N. Atwood (25)
Texas.....	Richard Harvey (2)
Vermont.....	Ed. C. Parmelee (25)
West Virginia.....	Fredrick A. Hunt (14)
Wyoming.....	Byron L. Carr (12)

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Representatives from other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Colorado were introduced and cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander.

R. E. Byron L. Carr, Past Grand Commander, Grand Representative from Wyoming, made suitable response.

REGRETS.

Letters of regret at their inability to be present were presented from Sir Henry M. Teller (2) P. G.

Commander and Sir E. L. N. Foster (25) P. C., on account of absence from the State and Sir James H. Peabody (9) P. G. Commander, on account of illness, and the same were ordered placed on file.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees:

ON FINANCE.

R. E. SIR JAMES M. STRICKLER (1),
E. SIR WALTER L. DORLAND (8),
E. SIR WILLIAM J. FINE (8).

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

E. SIR HARRY A. LEE (16),
E. SIR JOSEPH A. WOODBURY (10),
E. SIR WM. H. TROUT (9).

ON PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

E. SIR S. S. SHERMAN (19),
E. SIR JAMES B. SEVERY (6),
E. SIR ED. G. ARNOLD (1).

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

E. SIR RICHARD HARVEY (2),
SIR FREDERICK A. HUNT (14),
E. SIR CHARLES F. KENDALL (22).

ON JURISPRUDENCE (TO FILL VACANCY).

R. E. SIR BYRON L. CARR (12).

WEARING FULL UNIFORM.

On motion, the wearing of full Templar uniform was dispensed with during the rest of the session.

ADDRESS.

The R. E. Grand Commander delivered the following:

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Neither my introduction nor my peroration will be lengthy, so that my address, being mainly confined to the actual duties performed and other like necessary information, I am sure will not weary you.

I do not intend to apologize for any of my official sins, either of commission or omission. You all know me, and many of you have known me many years. I have been an active member of this Grand Commandery since it was organized, nearly twenty years ago. During that period I have always endeavored so to do my duty as to merit your commendation, and do not, therefore, feel it necessary to more than express the hope that I have not committed any serious errors, and that my shortcomings, whatever they may have been, you have either not discovered or will overlook.

As many of you know, Templarism is strictly and sincerely my religion, and with that idea before me I have endeavored to so shape my performance of duty in every direction.

The Order is in a healthy condition throughout the jurisdiction, and while the increase in membership may not be as great as might have been expected in a Triennial year, we have no cause of complaint.

NECROLOGY.

We have been fortunate enough not to have lost by death a single one of our officers, and only the following member of our Grand Commandery:

P. Commander William Boyd Trufant died December 10, 1894. His genial, courteous manners will be missed by every Templar who was fortunate enough to have known him.

I have been advised of several of our prominent fraters in other jurisdictions having been taken from their field of usefulness here below to the reward which will surely come to the true and vallant Templar.

R. E. Sir John Frizzell, Past Grand Commander and Past Grand Recorder of Tennessee, November 30, 1894.

E. Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder of Connecticut, October 10, 1894.

R. E. Sir Pierre St. Medard Andrews, Past Grand Commander of Connecticut, June 22, 1894.

E. Sir James M. Smith, Grand Warder of Connecticut, October 5, 1894.

E. Sir Edmund R. Hastings, Grand Recorder, Alabama, December 21, 1894.

E. Sir Milton C. Balbridge, Grand Captain General, Alabama, January 9, 1895.

R. E. Sir Joseph A. Manning, Past Grand Commander, Indiana, October 28, 1894.

R. E. Sir Dwight Byington, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander, Kansas, October 11, 1894.

R. E. Sir John L. Philbrick, Past Grand Commander, Kansas, July 8, 1894.

Sir Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder, New York, January 9, 1895.

R. E. Sir Heman Ely, Past Grand Commander, Ohio, July 8, 1894.

E. Sir Collins D. Pratt, Grand Senior Warden, South Dakota, August 2, 1894.

R. E. Sir Philip Crosby Tucker, Past Grand Commander, Texas, July 9, 1894.

E. Sir Charles Lewis Fuller, Grand Captain of the Guard, Tennessee, March 23, 1895.

R. E. Sir James Sorley, Past Grand Commander, Texas, May 8, 1895.

R. E. Sir Cyrus Walgrave Eaton, Past Grand Commander, Iowa, May 12, 1895.

REPRESENTATIVE.

On March 16, 1895, on the recommendation of the Grand Commander of West Virginia, I commissioned Sir Samuel B. Baker, of Parkersburg, as our representative near that Grand Jurisdiction, vice Sir Charles F. Scott, removed from the jurisdiction.

DISPENSATIONS.

Akron Commandery No. 21, on December 6, 1894, to confer the orders out of the regular time on two companions, by reason of old asylum destroyed by fire.

Palestine Commandery No. 22, on December 7, 1894, to elect and install its officers at a date subsequent to the time fixed in its by-laws.

Colorado Commandery No. 1, on December 22, 1894, to elect and install its officers at a date subsequent to the time fixed in its by-laws.

Oriental Commandery No. 18, on February 1, 1895, to appear in public in full uniform, except swords, at a public reception to be given to the Grand Commander, February 21, 1895.

Canon City Commandery No. 9, March 4, 1895, to appear in public in full uniform on March 7, 1895, on the occasion of a visit from Pueblo Commandery No. 3.

Long's Peak Commandery No. 12, on March 12, 1895, to install two of its officers at a time different than as fixed in its by-laws.

Mount Sinai Commandery No. 7, on March 14, 1895, to appear in public in full uniform, to act as escort to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado, on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Boulder.

Pueblo Commandery No. 3, on May 21, 1895, to appear in public in full uniform on May 25, 1895, on the occasion of a visit from Canon City Commandery No. 9.

DECISIONS.

That one of our Commanderies was authorized to confer the Orders on a candidate temporarily sojourning in their midst, at the request of a Commandery in another jurisdiction, which had elected him to receive them; and that our Commandery would be entitled to only such fees collected or charged as the other Commandery might see fit to send it; and that the candidate became a member of the other Commandery on compliance with its by-laws.

I received many letters asking for information on points suggested, and possibly my replies might be considered decisions, but I will not refer to them in detail, as I merely referred to the law as found in our statutes, etc.

DRILL MASTER.

I received a request from one of our Commanderies asking permission to employ "a profane" as Drill Master, which request I refused to sanction, although I had no very good reason for so doing, except that several years ago the matter was discussed in our Grand Commandery, and the consensus of opinion was against it.

There are proper occasions when Knights Templar appear in public, and I do not see the objection to their receiving expert instruction under proper restrictions.

BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

I present the request of Temple Commandery No. 23, stationed at Grand Junction, and of Pueblo Commandery No. 3,

stationed at Pueblo, asking your approval of proposed changes in their by-laws. I do not see any objection to either of these amendments, but the Statutes of the Grand Encampment plainly show that the approval must be made by you in all cases.

CHRISTMAS.

I have not been fully advised as to the number of Commanderies who complied with my order of drinking the toast to our M. E. Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, except as below stated, and feeling confident that reports thereof have been overlooked, I felt warranted in here calling attention to this oversight:

Central City No. 2; Pueblo No. 3; Pike's Peak No. 6; Canon City No. 9; Long's Peak No. 12; Palestine No. 22; Temple No. 23.

When orders are issued they should be obeyed and report thereof "sent in;" or if not complied with, the reasons therefor, and when in doubt, give to your Grand Commander the benefit of the doubt. Canon City No. 9, in its report, added that they exceeded the order "by drinking the good health of our present Grand Commander."

Your Commander will acknowledge that he is weak and frail enough to be willing not to reprimand his fraters of Canon City for their having so exceeded the order given them.

This observance on so bright a day as Christmas is one that I most heartily commend, and brings us closer in the bond of good and kind fellowship.

EASTER.

I am advised that the following Commanderies appropriately observed the day:

Colorado Commandery No. 1.

Pueblo Commandery No. 3.

Canon City Commandery No. 9.

Ouray Commandery No. 16.

Montrose Commandery No. 19.

Denver Commandery No. 25, in connection with No. 1, and that the services were most interesting in each case and largely attended.

ASCENSION DAY.

I am advised as to only the following Commanderies having observed the day:

Colorado Commandery No. 1, in connection with No. 25.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11.

Denver Commandery No. 25.

I can personally speak of the Easter and Ascension Day services here in Denver, as I participated in both. The services on each occasion were interesting and impressive, and I am confident that a general observance of the day, where suitable arrangements can be made, would be conducive not only of good to ourselves, but not without benefit to the outside world.

VISITS.

Oriental Commandery No. 18, stationed at Trinidad, was visited by me, accompanied by our Grand Recorder. This occasion was not intended for work, but the banquet and reception there held, and the bright things said at the banquet conclusively proved that there are courteous Templars at Trinidad.

I have frequently visited Colorado Commandery No. 1, and Denver No. 25. That I have not visited every Commandery in the jurisdiction has not been my fault, but my misfortune.

Your Grand Recorder and myself accompanied R. E. Sir Harper M. Oranhood on an official visit he made to the Grand Commandery of Wyoming, which held its Annual Conclave, May 8, 1895, at Laramie, in that state.

R. E. Sir Oranhood went as the representative of the M. E. Grand Master, but it gave me pleasure to accompany him, and we were all most courteously treated by our neighboring fraters.

I extended them an invitation to visit us at our Annual Conclave, and trust some may now be with us.

WORK IN THE TEMPLAR ORDER.

I much regret that the standing resolution of our Grand Commandery, requiring the Order of the Temple to be conferred at each Annual Conclave, can not be complied with at this one.

It may be that I let the matter rest too long, but when I endeavored to arrange it I found it impossible. I hope this may never occur again, as I believe it is conducive of much good to the Order, and we have received many evidences of approval of our resolution from other jurisdictions.

CROSS.

Last fall I received from Mrs. Sarah E. Herrick a lace cross, in memory of her father, Sir Knight William Vunkannon.

I am sure this Grand Commandery will send Mrs. Herrick a suitable resolution of acknowledgment, as the cross is of itself most beautiful, and being the result of her own handiwork, is surely worthy of our heartiest appreciation.

GRAND COMMANDERY, ALABAMA.

I am in receipt of the following communication from the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, which fully explains itself, and merits your careful consideration:

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA.

Office of Grand Recorder, Montgomery, Ala., July 12, 1894.

E. Sir E. C Parmelee, Grand Recorder, Denver, Colo.:

Dear Sir and Frater—At the last Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, and I was directed to send copies to the several Grand Commanderies in the United States and ask their co-operation in making them effective:

"Whereas, The Grand Commandery of Alabama remembers with sorrow that the cross, the symbol of our faith, was displayed on the doors of saloons at the Triennial Conclave held in Denver in 1892, and at other Conclaves; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Alabama earnestly petitions Grand Master Hugh McCurdy to use his influence to prevent the unseemly use of the cross at the next Triennial Conclave, to be held in Boston.

"Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the M. E. Grand Master by the R. E. Grand Commander of Alabama, together with such memorial letter, going to emphasize the sentiments of this Grand Commandery, as he may deem expedient.

"Courteously yours,

"E. R. HASTINGS, Grand Recorder."

I approve the idea, but must be permitted to suggest that a more practicable scheme, and one that we can much more easily accomplish, would be to so influence our Templars that none would ever enter a saloon, at least when in uniform.

BOSTON TRIENNIAL.

I will not consume your time in giving you such information as I possess regarding the next Triennial, to be held in Boston in August next, since I know you will have a very full report from our able Triennial Committee, at the head of which is R. E. Sir Oranhood, an officer of the Grand Encampment, and thoroughly informed in this work.

When attending the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming, I advised them, as fully as I was then informed, of

our plans, and extended them in your name a hearty invitation to have their car attached to our train.

I strongly believe in kindly relations, with near neighbors at least, and as you know one most prominent Templar of Wyoming, P. G. Commander and present Grand Recorder John C. Baird, most materially aided us at Washington. And then, regardless of all that, they "are jolly good fellows," and so our enjoyment en route would be increased to our joint benefit.

I trust there may be a large attendance from Colorado, and when "the Grand Standard of our Order" is unfurled in Boston, we shall not be ashamed of the number, and, as was said by my predecessor, R. E. Sir McGaffey, I trust there will be no stragglers.

I further express the hope, although it is really a belief, that the Templars of Colorado (who, I may say, not egotistically, were at least fair hosts) will show what guests they can be, for I have no doubt that our fraters from all parts of the country, and especially those of the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, will extend those of you who may go a hearty welcome.

CONCLUSION.

Permit me to return to you my jewel of office, to be placed on the breast of my successor, expressing the belief that at no time has it been unworthily worn by me, or its lustre been tarnished.

I have always been most kindly and courteously treated by every Sir Knight within our borders, for which they have my heartiest and most sincere appreciation.

As I step down from this high Templar pinnacle and become "a high private," or at best secure a seat on the bench on my right, generally occupied by the "Ex's," I cannot refrain from expressing my regret for one reason. As I stated in my opening, I have been an active officer of this Grand Commandery since its organization, and I now sever my active official relations with my only compeer in length of service, our genial and respected Grand Recorder.

It may seem to some of our outside friends that each Grand Commander feels it a necessary duty to say a kindly word of "Ed," as each in his turn has done so; but, while it might require a line or two to speak of his "crankism," pages would not suffice to refer to his innumerable good and knightly qualities of head and heart. When he leaves us—and may it be a long way off—I know of no Templar in our jurisdiction who

would be more missed, or whose place would be more difficult to fill.

"May we all live long and prosper," and when at last we are called beyond this earthly habitation, may we, each and all of us, be summoned to that Home "not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens," to merit which we must so deport ourselves here below, both in respecting the obligations we have assumed, but in assisting our fraters on every proper occasion, that we may be thereunto worthy. Courteously submitted.

WM. D. TODD, Grand Commander.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion, the address was referred to a special committee.

R. E. SIR ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY (1),
E. SIR EUGENE P. SHOVE (8),
SIR LORIN H. ROBERTS (18),

Were appointed said committee.

REPORT.

The committee afterwards presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander report that they have carefully examined the same, and courteously report as follows:

First—That that portion of the address referring to necrology be referred to a special committee of three.

Second—That those portions relating to decisions and by-laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Third—That the action of the Grand Commander in granting dispensations be approved.

Fourth—That your committee concur with the Grand Commander in that part of his report referring to "Drill Master." as this Grand Commandery has unofficially expressed its disapproval of the employment of one not a Knight Templar for such service; but would recommend that this matter be dis-

cussed by this Grand Commandery, with the view of adopting some rule or law governing the matter.

Fifth—That the matter of Templar days be brought to the attention of the several subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction, with the earnest recommendation that these festival days commemorating the birth, life, death and resurrection of our blessed Savior be more generally observed.

Sixth—That we heartily concur in that part of the Grand Commander's address referring to the communication from the Grand Commandery of Alabama, and trust that prompt action be taken to remedy this evil and to carry into effect the resolution of the Grand Commandery of Alabama and the recommendation of our Grand Commander.

Seventh—That the matter of the gift of Mrs. Herrick be referred to a special committee of three. Courteously submitted.

A. B. MCGAFFEY,
E. P. SHOVE,
L. H. ROBERTS,
Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as said committees:

ON NECROLOGY.

E. SIR LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF (1),
R. E. SIR IRVING W. STANTON (3),
E. SIR CHARLES CAVENDER (5).

ON THE GIFT OF MRS. HERRICK.

R. E. SIR IRVING W. STANTON (3),
SIR JOHN W. OHL (17),
E. SIR JOHN M. MAXWELL (5).

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The following was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Colorado:

Sir Knights—As Grand Treasurer, I have the honor to make the following report:

June 6, 1894—To balance per last report.....	\$3,722 86
June 6, 1894—To cash from Grand Recorder.....	524 00
May 24, 1895—To cash from Grand Recorder.....	707 50
June 8, 1895—To cash to Grand Recorder.....	145 00
By warrants No. 137 to No. 144 inclusive.....	\$1,555 75
Balance.....	<u>\$3,543 61</u>
June 4, 1895—To balance.....	\$3,543 61
For which find certified check for.....	\$2,543 61
For which find bills receivable.....	1,000 00
	<u>\$3,543 61</u>
And vouchers for disbursements.	

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE WYMAN,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

The following was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

I submit the following as my Nineteenth Annual Report:

The returns and dues of Akron No. 21, were received by this morning's mail, and those of Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, were received since this Grand Commandery opened.

All the Commanderies have made returns and paid dues, but Nos. 1, 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 21 did not do so within the time required by our statutes. Nos. 1, 5, 8, 11, 14 and 21 did not furnish a list of officers, as required by section 3, article 6 of our statutes.

I have received:

DUES FROM COMMANDERIES FOR 1894, PAID SINCE LAST REPORT.

NO.	COMMANDERY.	LOCATION.	WHEN.	AMOUNT.
19.	Montrose	Montrose	June 8, 1894	\$ 6 00
13.	DeMolay	Fort Collins	June 11, 1894	35 50
22.	Palestine	La Junta	September 18, 1894	8 00
22.	Palestine	La Junta	May 20, 1895	1 00

DUES FROM COMMANDERIES FOR 1895.

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	WHEN PAID	Created	Members	Amount
1	Colorado	Denver	June 3, 1895	13	446	\$288 00
2	Central City	Central City	May 2, 1895	38		19 00
3	Pueblo	Pueblo	May 4, 1895	8	112	96 00

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DUES FROM COMMANDERIES FOR 1895—CONTINUED.

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	WHEN PAID	Created	Members	Amount
4	Georgetown.....	Georgetown.....	May 27, 1895	.....	24	12 00
5	Mt. of the Holy Cross	Leadville.....	June 4, 1895	1	78	44 00
6	Pike's Peak.....	Colorado Springs..	Apr. 27, 1895	4	95	67 50
7	Mount Sinai.....	Boulder.....	May 4, 1895	10	85	92 50
8	Gunnison.....	Gunnison.....	May 15, 1895	.....	41	20 50
9	Canon City.....	Canon City.....	May 3, 1895	5	69	59 50
10	Greeley.....	Greeley.....	May 16, 1895	4	38	39 00
11	Ivanhoe.....	Durango.....	May 23, 1895	1	50	29 50
12	Long's Peak.....	Longmont.....	May 18, 1895	.....	56	28 00
13	DeMolay.....	Fort Collins.....	May 16, 1895	.....	59	29 50
14	Aspen Mountain....	Aspen.....	May 27, 1895	.....	39	19 50
15	Rio Grande del Norte	Alamosa.....	June 3, 1895	.....	32	16 00
16	Ouray.....	Ouray.....	June 1, 1895	7	63	66 50
17	Salida.....	Salida.....	May 22, 1895	2	43	31 50
18	Oriental.....	Trinidad.....	June 3, 1895	1	52	31 00
19	Montrose.....	Montrose.....	May 24, 1895	.....	40	20 00
20	Glenwood Springs...	Glenwood Springs..	May 10, 1895	1	24	17 00
21	Akron.....	Akron.....	June 4, 1895	2	47	33 50
22	Palestine.....	La Junta.....	May 9, 1895	3	31	30 50
23	Temple.....	Grand Junction...	May 18, 1895	.....	27	13 50
25	Denver.....	Denver.....	May 15, 1895	7	59	64 50

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report.....	\$ 523 00
Dues for 1894.....	50 50
Dues for 1895.....	1,168 50
Total.....	\$1,742 00

I have paid:

Grand Treasurer, June 6, 1894.....	\$ 524 00
Grand Treasurer, May 23, 1895.....	707 50
Grand Treasurer, June 3, 1895.....	145 00
Balance on hand.....	365 50
Total.....	\$1,742 00

I have drawn warrants on the Grand Treasurer as follows:

DATE	IN FAVOR OF	ACCOUNT OF	NO.	AMOUNT
1894				
June 5	Grand Treasurer.....	Pay roll.....	137	\$ 814 30
5	Thos. Linton.....	Services.....	138	10 00
5	Grand Recorder.....	Contingent fund.....	139	125 00
5	Grand Recorder.....	Services.....	140	500 00
7	The H. Bohm Co.	Jewel	141	100 00
30	Grand Recorder.....	Grand Encampment dues....	142	81 45
Sept. 4 1895	W. F. Robinson & Co.....	Printing	143	340 00
Feb. 25	Geo. J. Dunbaugh	Triennial expenses.....	144	85 00
		Total.....		\$1,555 75

A detailed statement of the contingent expenses of this office, also of the expenses of the Triennial Committee, is herewith submitted. Courteously submitted.

ED. C. PARMELEE, Grand Recorder.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The Grand Recorder presented various amendments to the by-laws of subordinate Commanderies, which were ordered referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP.

The petition of Sir Charles H. Wood, a Past Commander, late of Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15, at Flint, Michigan, now a member of Denver Commandery No. 25, at Denver, for membership, accompanied by the necessary certificates, was presented and referred to

E. SIR JOHN M. MAXWELL (5).
E. SIR WARREN M. FLETCHER (4).
E. SIR WILLIAM W. ROLLER (17).

The committee afterwards presented its report, and Sir Charles H. Wood was unanimously elected a member of this Grand Commandery.

PETITION FOR JURISDICTION.

E. Sir Warren M. Thatcher presented a petition from Georgetown Commandery No 4 asking that that Commandery be given territorial jurisdiction over the City of Idaho Springs which is now within the jurisdiction of Central City Commandery No. 2. On motion, the same was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

MASONIC COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION.

A communication from the Masonic Collectors' Association was presented by the Grand Recorder and referred to the Finance Committee.

DRILL MASTER.

Past Grand Commander Sir A. B. McGaffey (1) moved that Commanderies, with the approval of the R. E. Grand Commander, be allowed to employ any competent person who is not a Templar as Drill Master. Motion lost.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Commander Sir Harper M. Orahood (25) presented the Report on Correspondence, which was ordered published with our Proceedings. [See Appendix.]

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, June 4, 1895, 2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor.

R. E. Grand Commander Todd presiding.

REPORT ON RETURNS AND WORK.

The following was read, and on motion of E. Sir Richard Harvey (2), adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Returns and Work have examined the returns of all chartered Commanderies, and find them correct. Your committee recommend that the correspondence regarding Melchoir Klingender, of Ivanhoe No. 11, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Your committee further recommend that the Grand Recorder be instructed and empowered to amend the list of members of the subordinate Commanderies, published with the Grand Commandery proceedings, so as to show the members suspended and expelled at the time of going to press. Courteously submitted.

HARRY A. LEE,
J. A. WOODBURY,
W. H. TROUT,
Committee.

MRS. SARAH E. HERRICK.

The Special Committee on the gift of Mrs. Sarah E. Herrick presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Colorado:

Your committee appointed to express the sentiments of this Grand Commandery on the beautiful gift of Mrs. Sarah E. Herrick, in memory of her father, Sir Knight William Vunkannon, beg leave to report:

That the gift of Mrs. Herrick be accepted in the spirit in which it was tendered; that the same be placed among the treasures and mementoes of this Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder be directed to convey to Mrs. Herrick the thanks of this Grand Commandery for the same, and that the Grand Recorder be instructed to have it mounted on black velvet and appropriately framed. Courteously submitted.

IRVING W. STANTON,
JOHN WALLIS OHL,
JOHN M. MAXWELL,
Committee.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to report that no matters have been presented to them for consideration. Courteously submitted.

S. S. SHERMAN,
JAMES B. SEVERY,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following which was adopted, and a warrant ordered drawn on the Grand Treasurer for \$360.40 as therein recommended:

Denver, Colo., June 4, 1895.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Finance, having examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, find the same correct, and your committee further recommend that the following mileage report be approved and paid.

We also recommend that this Grand Commandery become a subscribing member of the Masonic Collectors' Association.

J. M. STRICKLER,
W. L. DORLAND,
WM. J. FINE,
Committee.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

W. W. Rowan.....	D. G. C.....	\$ 11 00
E. P. Shove.....	G. G.....	23 50
G. J. Dunbaugh.....	G. C. G.....	7 00
J. W. Ohl.....	G. Pre.....	10 00
J. M. Maxwell.....	G. S. W.....	20 00
J. A. Woodbury.....	G. S. W. B.....	2 80
R. Harvey.....	No. 2.....	4 10
W. L. Dorland.....	No. 3.....	4 00
C. Cavender.....	No. 5.....	20 00
Jas. B. Sevptry.....	No. 6.....	5 80
J. L. Morehead.....	No. 7.....	1 80
W. H. Trout.....	No. 9.....	13 00
Sharon Atkinson.....	No. 10.....	2 80
Hiram Bullis.....	No. 11.....	34 25
W. A. Warner.....	No. 12.....	2 00
L. Giddings.....	No. 13.....	5 50
F. A. Hunt.....	No. 14.....	29 00
J. Priestersbach.....	No. 15.....	20 15
Geo. C. Pierce.....	No. 16.....	33 30
W. W. Roller.....	No. 17.....	16 00
L. H. Roberts.....	No. 18.....	22 10
S. S. Sherman.....	No. 19.....	20 00
C. F. Kendall.....	No. 22.....	16 50
E. F. Eldridge.....	No. 23.....	36 00
Total.....		\$390 40

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The following report was presented and on motion adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decision of the Grand Commander, would report that same is in conformity with Templar law, and recommend that same be approved.

Your committee would further recommend that the proposed changes of by-laws of Pueblo Commandery No. 3, requiring examination before advancement.

Temple Commandery No. 23, changing date of meeting.

Palestine Commandery No. 22, changing date of meeting, and Denver No. 25, reducing fee for affiliation from \$10 to \$5, be approved.

In re. matter of jurisdiction over the city of Idaho Springs, your committee would recommend that it be referred to a special committee consisting of Sir Knights Irving W. Stanton, of Pueblo Commandery No. 3; Richard Harvey, of Central City Commandery No. 2, and W. M. Fletcher, of Georgetown Com-

mandery No. 4, with instructions to investigate the matter and report their recommendations to this Grand Commandery at its next Annual Conclave. Courteously submitted.

A. B. McGAFFEY,

A. A. BURNAND,

B. L. CARR,

Committee.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

On motion of R. E. Sir A. B. McGaffey (1), it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a ritual for Christmas observance, and that the same be printed.

R. E. SIR ALBERT B. McGAFFEY (1),

E. SIR WALTER L. DORLAND (3),

E. SIR JULIUS B. BISSELL (25),

Were appointed said committee.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Sir Knights Darius A. Barton (25) and W. J. Fine (8) were appointed to collect the ballots.

The balloting resulted in the election of:

SIR WILLIAM W. ROWAN, (16) Ouray	R. E. G. C.
SIR EUGENE P. SHOVE, (8) Gunnison	V. E. D. G. C.
SIR GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH, (3) Pueblo	E. G. G.
SIR JOHN M. MAXWELL, (5) Leadville	E. G. C. G.
SIR JOHN WALLIS OHL, (17) Salida	E. G. PRE.
SIR HARRY A. LEE, (16) Leadville	E. G. S. W.
SIR JULIUS B. BISSELL, (25) Denver	E. G. J. W.
SIR GEORGE WYMAN, (25) Denver	E. G. TREAS.
SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, (25) Denver	E. G. REC.

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE.

R. E. Sir Harper M. Orahood (25), for the Triennial Committee, verbally reported progress and read the circulars issued by the committee, and presented a sample of the badge adopted by the committee as the Colorado badge, which is a ribbon

nine inches long by two and three-eighths wide, the upper half black and lower half white, with "Boston, 1895," and a cut of the Grand Commandery seal on the upper half; each Commandery to have printed on the lower half whatever they choose.

BADGES ORDERED.

The Grand Recorder offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Triennial Committee be authorized to purchase such number of badges as in their judgment may be required, and that same be paid for by a warrant on the Grand Treasurer. As same are sold and the money collected therefor, the actual cost thereof shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer.

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION'S NOTE.

E. Sir F. A. Williams (1) moved that the Grand Treasurer is authorized to exchange the promissory notes for \$1,000, of The Masonic Temple Association for second mortgage bonds of said Association, of equal amount, leaving the matter of interest to be adjusted in cash.

Motion adopted.

THANKS.

The following, offered by E. Sir George J. Dunbaugh (3), was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1. for their escort duty to this Grand Commandery, and the Grand Recorder is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to said Commandery.

PRINTED PROCEEDINGS.

R. E. Sir H. M. Orahood (25) offered the following, which was adopted:

This Grand Commandery believes that it will add to the interest in and usefulness of the Order if every Sir Knight in the jurisdiction will read the published proceedings of the Grand Commandery, including the report of the Committee on Correspondence; therefore, be it

Resolved, That 2,000 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Conclave be printed, and a sufficient number sent to each Commandery so that one may be given or sent to each member. That the Eminent Commander and Recorder of each Commandery be requested to make a special effort to have a copy given to each member, with the request that he read the same and express his opinion as to whether future numbers are desired. That each Commandery with its next annual report make a statement regarding the desirability of such distribution in the future.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF WYOMING.

The following was presented by the Triennial Committee and unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved, That this Grand Commandery extends a cordial invitation to the Grand Commandery of our sister jurisdiction of Wyoming to join us in our trip to Boston in August. By so doing it will add to our pleasure, and aid them and us in procuring a special train and other special features for the trip.

FINANCIAL.

The following were adopted and warrants ordered drawn as therein recommended:

By R. E. Sir George Wyman (25):

Resolved, That so much of the surplus funds of this Grand Commandery as may be necessary be appropriated for the use of the Triennial Committee.

By R. E. Sir H. M. Orahood (25):

Resolved, That the sum of \$500 be appropriated to Sir Ed C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder, for services for the past year, and the sum of \$125 for the contingent expenses of his office, and the sum of \$10 to Sir Thomas Linton, Grand Captain of the Guard, for services at this Annual Conclave.

NECROLOGY.

E. Sir L. N. Greenleaf (1) presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your special committee to whom was referred that portion of the R. E. Grand Commander's address entitled "Necrology," would respectfully submit the following report:

We reverently acknowledge the protecting care of our Heavenly Father, whose shield of defense has been over us the past year, and who has mercifully spared the lives of our past and present grand officers.

Of the members of this Grand Commandery but one has been called to the unseen asylum above. P. E. C. William Boyd Tru-fant died at his home in Denver on December 10, 1894. He was born in Bath, Me., January 9, 1838, and had thus attained the age of nearly 57 years. Our deceased frater was a Templar of many years' standing, having been one of the organizers of the first Commandery in Wyoming, at Cheyenne, in 1873, of which he was a Past Commander. In 1889 he represented Wyoming at the Triennial Conclave in Washington. In 1881 he removed to Denver, retaining his membership in Wyoming Commandery No. 1, of Cheyenne, until 1890, when he affiliated with Colorado Commandery No. 1, from which he was dimitted in 1893 as one of the charter members of Denver Commandery No. 25. He was elected to membership in this Grand Commandery in June, 1890. He had filled many responsible positions in other Masonic bodies with zeal and fidelity. During the war he served his country in the navy, and bore the scars of gallant service through life. The masterly manner in which he handled trains during the Trlennial Conclave, to the safety and comfort of thousands, is without a parallel in railroad history. A widow and two children were left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and loving father. He was a staunch friend, an upright citizen, a gallant soldier and a true and courteous Knight. As such let us ever hold him in loving remembrance.

"He dwells where darkness cannot mar
The hills of God by glory spanned—
We roam where grief's gray memories are,
In shadow land."

Nor are we unmindful of our deceased fraters of the subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction. Though their

names and silent deeds of charity and love are unrecorded in these annals, we have reason to hope that they shine in letters of living light upon the imperishable scroll of the Recording Angel in the mansion of Our Father.

Resolved, That to the Grand Commanderies of Alabama, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, New York, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas we tender our profound and Knightly sympathy for the great and irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of distinguished and beloved fraters. While these limits preclude individual eulogy, we can not refrain from directing your attention to names which had become "household words" among us, and whose fame had spread beyond their own jurisdictions, both far and wide. In the black-bordered missives before us are found the names of Philip Crosby Tucker, Joseph K. Wheeler, John Frizzell and Robert Macoy, who, for scholarship and the manly virtues, had attained the highest eminence.

Resolved, That pages be suitably inscribed in our proceedings, as follows: To the memory of P. E. C. William Boyd Trufant, to the memory of deceased fraters in this jurisdiction, and to the memory of deceased fraters in other grand jurisdictions.

Let these solemn reflections upon the lives of those who have passed from our midst incite us

* * * * * To shed
On ears abused by falsehood, truths of power,
In words immortal—not such words as flash
From the fierce demagogue's unthinking rage,
To madden for a moment and expire;
Nor such as the 'rapt orator imbues
With warmth of facile sympathy, and moulds
To mirrors radiant with fair images,
To grace the noble fervor of an hour;
But words which bear the spirit of great deeds,
Winged for the future, which the dying breath
Of Truth's great teachers shapes as it exhales,
And to the most enduring forms of earth
Commits—to linger in the craggy shade
Of the huge valley—'neath the eagle's home,
Or in the sea-cave, where the tempest sleeps,
Till some heroic leader bid them forth
And fill the world with echoes!"

Courteously submitted.

LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF,
IRVING W. STANTON,
CHARLES CAVENDER,

Committee.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read:

SIR GEORGE W. ROE (9), Pueblo.....	E. G. STANDARD B.
SIR JAMES L. BRIDGE (18), Trinidad.....	E. G. SWORD B.
SIR ED. G. ARNOLD (1), Denver.....	E. G. WARDER.
SIR THOMAS LINTON (1), Denver.....	E. G. C. OF GUARD.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed, excepting the Grand Sword Bearer, who was not present, were duly installed by R. E. Sir Harper M. Oranhood, Past Grand Commander, and present Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment and Representative of the Most Excellent Grand Master, Sir Hugh McCurdy, for this jurisdiction, and assumed their respective stations, R. E. Grand Commander W. D. Todd acting as Grand Marshal.

R. E. Grand Commander Wm. W. Rowan returned thanks for the honor conferred on him, in a short speech.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

R. E. Grand Commander Sir Wm. W. Rowan presented a Past Grand Commander's jewel to R. E. Sir William D. Todd, our retiring Grand Commander, who returned thanks in appropriate terms.

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE.

The Grand Recorder offered the following, which was adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote:

Amend Section 2, Article VII., of our Code, by adding thereto the following:

Also a committee of three on Necrology. All deaths of members of our Commanderies, and all obituary notices received from other Grand Commanderies shall be reported by the Grand

Recorder to the chairman of this committee, with all the information possible. This committee shall prepare a report and present the same at each annual conclave.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following Standing Committees:

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. E. SIR WILLIAM D TODD (25)	Denver
R. E. SIR JAMES H. PEABODY (9)	Canon City
R. E. SIR ALBERT B. McGAFFEY (1)	Denver

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD (25)	Denver
E. SIR FRANK M. DUNBAUGH (3)	Pueblo
E. SIR S. S. SHERMAN (19)	Montrose

ON NECROLOGY.

E. SIR LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF (1)	Denver
R. E. SIR IRVING W. STANTON (3)	Pueblo
E. SIR CHARLES CAVENDER (5)	Leadville

MINUTES READ.

The minutes of the Conclave were read and approved.

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commandery adjourned, to meet in Denver, Tuesday, June 2, 1896.

WILLIAM W. ROWAN, Grand Commander.

Attest: Ed C. PARMELEE, Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATUTES.

FORMS.



REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following named jurisdictions:

Alabama	34th Annual Conclave	May 9, 1894
Arizona	2d Annual Conclave	Nov. 14, 1894
Arkansas	22d Annual Conclave	April 17, 1894
California	36th Annual Conclave	April 19, 1894
Canada	11th Annual Conclave	Sept. 4, 1894
Connecticut	67th Annual Conclave	March 20, 1894
Georgia	33d Annual Conclave	May 9, 1894
Illinois	38th Annual Conclave	Oct. 28, 1894
Indiana	40th Annual Conclave	April 18, 1894
Iowa	31st Annual Conclave	July 10, 1894
Kansas	25th Annual Conclave	May 8, 1894
Kentucky	47th Annual Conclave	May 16, 1894
Louisiana	31st Annual Conclave	Feb. 16, 1894
Maine	43d Annual Conclave	May 3, 1894
Maryland	24th Annual Conclave	Nov. 27, 1894
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	59th Annual Conclave	Oct. 25, 1894
Michigan	38th Annual Conclave	May 15, 1894
Minnesota	29th Annual Conclave	June 25, 1894
Mississippi	34th Annual Conclave	Feb. 13, 1894
Missouri	33d Annual Conclave	April 24, 1894
Montana	7th Annual Conclave	Sept. 18, 1894
Nebraska	22d Annual Conclave	April 8, 1894
New Hampshire	25th Annual Conclave	Sept. 25, 1894
New Jersey	36th Annual Conclave	May 8, 1894
New York	81st Annual Conclave	Sept. 11, 1894
North Carolina	14th Annual Conclave	May 8, 1894
North Dakota	5th Annual Conclave	June 15, 1894
Ohio	52d Annual Conclave	Oct. 3, 1894
Oregon	8th Annual Conclave	Oct. 9, 1894
Pennsylvania	41st Annual Conclave	May 22, 1894
South Dakota	11th Annual Conclave	June 15, 1894
Tennessee	32d Annual Conclave	May 9, 1894
Texas	40th Annual Conclave	April 4, 1894
Vermont	52d Annual Conclave	June 12, 1894
Virginia	72d Annual Conclave	Oct. 15, 1894
Washington	7th Annual Conclave	Sept. 10, 1894
West Virginia	20th Annual Conclave	May 9, 1894
Wisconsin	36th Annual Conclave	June 11, 1894
Wyoming	7th Annual Conclave	May 9, 1894

ALABAMA—1894.

The Grand Commandery was escorted from the hotel to the Asylum by the local Commandery. There was an address of welcome and a response by the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's address shows a considerable amount of activity in the Order during the year, notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions mentioned in his opening:

The wheel of time has made one more revolution, and rounded up one more year since last we met in Conclave at Gadsden, and by the "Providence of God" we are permitted to assemble again in this the 34th Annual Conclave in Birmingham, the "Magic City" of the Sunny South. We meet here to review the records of the past year and to take upon ourselves new duties for the next. The past year has been fraught with appalling disasters on land and sea—pestilence has stalked through the land—financial ruin has knocked at the doors of prosperity, and the clouds of adversity have made many a heart ache in this fair land. Let us return thanks to an all-wise Providence for the many blessings vouchsafed us in the past, and humbly ask for health, peace and prosperity in the future.

A page, giving an account of the devotional exercises, and of the banquet after the close of the Conclave, follows the regular proceedings. This shows that the social feature was not neglected.

Brother Moore again makes the Report on Correspondence. His report covers sixty-eight closely printed pages. It is all written, he does not make extracts.

Our proceedings for 1893 are fully reviewed with a somewhat qualified approval. From the following quotation we infer he is not wholly pleased with the ritual:

Brother Orahoad says: "Some important changes (*italics ours*) were made in the Order of the Red Cross, but the Ritual, we believe, will give general satisfaction. The more it is studied and the better it is understood, the better it will be liked." The result has been just reverse with the writer—the more we see of it the less we like it.

We quote from his conclusion:

Our order is prosperous and flourishing; it grows more numerous each day, but its power and influence in the elevation of the race in the future will depend upon its steady and fixed adherence to those principles of eternal truth upon which it is based, rather than upon gaudy pageantry with its adjuncts of banquets and feasts. This is the trend of thought among those who lead the Templar hosts, and to the accomplishment of this aim all our efforts should be devoted.

Sir Charles Wheelock, re-elected Grand Commander.

Sir Edmund R. Hastings, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARIZONA—1894.

The Grand Commandery was officially visited by the Representative of the Grand Master for the Eleventh District. The following is the report of the visit:

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that he had received a communication from R. E. Sir Harper M. Orahood, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, notifying him that as the special representative of the M. E. Grand Master, Sir Hugh McCurdy, he would, at the present Grand Conclave, pay the Grand Commandery of Arizona an official visit; and, it being announced that the R. E. frater was in waiting, he was, together with his companion in arms, R. E. Sir Edward C. Parmelee, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of the Grand Jurisdiction of Colorado, duly received with grand honors and a hearty welcome extended to them by the R. E. Grand Commander.

We quote from Grand Commander Roskrug's address:

To me it is gratifying, after being separated for a year, each pursuing his secular avocations, to turn aside from the duties to which the cares of business call us, and commingle again in the asylum, to labor to promote the welfare of the cause we have espoused, and to secure the best interests of our beloved Order.

I am pleased to be able to report that during the past year the administration of the affairs of the jurisdiction has been accomplished with little or no occasion for my official interference. The Order has been fairly, but not unduly, prosperous, and if the accessions to our ranks have not been great, we may indulge the hope that we have gained in quality all that we fall short in quantity.

The Committee on Reports of Grand Officers reported:

That it is with pleasure we observe the zeal and ability displayed by our Grand Commander in his work, and the thanks of this Grand body are due him for his efficient services, and we congratulate the Knights Templar of Arizona on the peace and prosperity which prevails in this jurisdiction.

We also congratulate our fraters of Arizona on their being so well versed in Templar law as to require no decisions on questions relating thereto, and thereby relieving the R. E. Grand Commander of the necessity of rendering such decisions.

All business having been disposed of, the Grand Commandery was closed.

The social feature was not neglected. We would like to give an account of the banquet, but will only say that it was a credit to the members of the Grand Commandery and to Phoenix Commandery. It was highly appreciated and will be long remembered by those who enjoyed the courtesy and hospitality of these true and courteous Sir Knights.

Alexander G. Oliver, Grand Commander.

George J. Roskrue, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1894.

From the address of Grand Commander Williams we quote:

The year which has closed is one with few positive results, and mostly negatives. It has been a year of hardship and disappointment. Let those who choose to look for causes find them in this or in that, the fact remains it has been a year of trials. But we have much to be thankful for; hard times induce economy and industry, and they in time bring thrift and prosperity.

The Commanderies in this jurisdiction have been alive; a few of them have done considerable work. One of the great causes hindering work is now removed, to-wit: the delays in getting the ritual, and all the results of uncertainty as to how we should work are happily over.

Brother Rickon again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is full, and carefully prepared. Colorado receives very kindly notice.

He is strongly in favor of requiring membership in both Lodge and Chapter, and we think he is right. In reviewing Tennessee, he says:

Why should the Lodge and Chapter be only used as stepping-stones to the Commandery, to be discarded directly the plumes of Knighthood are assumed? Are we not dependent on these bodies for membership? And if we do not take any interest in them, are they apt to take any in us? If it is not right and proper that a Sir Knight should keep up his membership in the different bodies, why require him to take the degrees before he can become a Templar? And is it not certain that if he as much as intimated when he petitioned either Lodge or Chapter that he was only doing so as a means to an end, he would never have been admitted there? But having voluntarily assumed membership in those bodies, and the duties in connection therewith, is he not morally practicing a fraud if he fails in those duties, although there may be no law to require him to do so?

Sir William M. Mellette, Grand Commander.

Sir James A. Henry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1894.

Grand Commander Vanderhurst opens his address with a glowing tribute to the Order and to his own jurisdiction:

Sir Knights, we are members of the grandest and noblest Order in existence—an Order which commands the respect and admiration of the world. Fortune, Sir Knights, has cast our lot in one of the grandest States of our union, a state of undoubted capabilities and unknown possibilities, and blessed with every requisite necessary to support a population far larger than we now have. You are come from all parts of this great State. From the snow-clad hills of the Sierra Nevadas, from the soft and genial climes of the South, from Siskiyou to the sea; you have come to discharge the duties incumbent on you as members of this great Order. Your hearts, I trust, are filled with a noble and self-sacrificing love for the principles we advocate, and, I hope, inspired with untiring zeal to labor for its welfare and perpetuity.

The following is all right so far as it goes. It is said the power to regulate carries with it the power to prohibit. We would carry the reasoning to its full limit, and banish its use entirely from every Masonic hall and meeting:

I am pleased to say to you, Sir Knights, that either through the kindly admonitions of my predecessor, or through the natural evidences presented to the minds of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, there exists a strong and growing inclination among the Commanderies to curtail the indulgence of wine on festal occasions; and I take this opportunity to appeal to the better judgment of the members of this noble Order, and ask that they exert themselves to still further moderate its use, both in quantity and expense. I realize that it is unpleasant to refer to this subject, but at the same time I deem it my duty to present the matter for your calm and careful consideration, and trust that these allusions to a very delicate, yet very important subject may not only meet with your approval, but also have the desired effect.

The Grand Commander made many official visits, which we know are always beneficial.

My observations during my visitations afford me the strongest evidence that the visits of the Grand Officers to the Commanderies are attended with the most satisfactory results, as the visits invariably bring out a good attendance, and also inspire the members with renewed enthusiasm and a desire to do more efficient work.

Brother Abraham Davies makes the Report on Correspondence. It is very full. In reviewing Colorado he discusses the question of membership in Lodge and Chapter and emphatically dissents from the New York decision quoted by us last year. We think he is right in principle, and if the law is not as he states it, it should be so:

Our Committee on Jurisprudence, in reviewing the decisions of our Grand Commander, dissent entirely from the conclusions reached in the answer quoted above. They emphatically declare that by becoming non-affiliated in Lodge or Chapter a member of a Commandery of Knights Templar does lose his standing in the Commandery, and under our law occupies the same position as one who is suspended for non-payment of dues.

We most heartily concur in the following suggestion. We know of no way in which the money paid for dues to the Grand Commandery by the members can be used to better advantage, than giving to each member a copy of the printed proceedings. Almost every writer on correspondence, at some time, has expressed a regret that the work which costs him so much time and labor is read by so few and seems

to be so little appreciated. This plan will give every member an opportunity to know the principal events in the history of Templarism during each year; not only in his own jurisdiction but throughout the United States. We believe the proceedings would be read and appreciated by the great majority of our members, and that the number of readers would increase each year. It is worth a trial.

There is one Grand Jurisdiction in this great national organization that provides for the placing of a copy of its Proceedings in the hands of each Sir Knight borne upon its rolls.

Can anyone suggest a more efficient plan for diffusing the useful knowledge with which we are entrusted?

In the report of Frater George C. Connor to the Grand Commandery of Tennessee for 1893, that eminent Sir Knight suggested the adoption of the Georgia custom, and recommended the placing in the hands of every affiliated Templar in Tennessee a copy of the Proceedings of their Grand Commandery.

What a grand field for the missionary work of awakening an interest in the advance of Templarism, and by the same means arousing the pride of each individual Sir Knight in the triumphant success of the grand army of which he is a member.

Our proceedings for 1893 have full and kindly notice, with general approval.

Frank W. Sumner, Grand Commander.

Thomas H. Caswell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA—1894.

In view of some criticisms in our reports of years ago, we take pleasure in giving in full, although a long quotation, Grand Master Sheppard's explanation of the peculiarities, and the delicate tribute to the character and worth of Bro. Moore:

AS OTHERS SEE US.

I am pleased to see in the many reports for 1894 sent me from the Grand Commanderies of the various States of the union, many kindly and favorable references to the address of my predecessor, Most Excellent Past Grand Master Malone. It is also with particular pleasure that this Great Priory is preparing to

welcome Damascus Commandery No. 42, of Detroit, who this afternoon intend to pay us a fraternal visit. It is the first time a United States Commandery has ever paid a visit to Great Priory, and the interchange of views and the many friendships that will be formed can not but be pleasant and profitable.

I regret to observe, however, from time to time, extracts taken from some of the American Masonic papers, reflecting on the past and present progress of Great Priory. I am at a loss to understand from what source the information is obtained. For many years Great Priory has steadily progressed and slowly increased in numbers, and by comparison with many of our sister Grand Commanderies, I find that in many instances our progress has been greater than theirs. Regarding the past, we should bear in mind that our late lamented and much beloved Grand Master, Colonel W. B. MacLeod Moore, whose memory every true Canadian Knight Templar should revere, was not in accord with the popular ideas regarding Templarism which prevail on this side of the Atlantic, and many of the more modern and progressive members of the Canadian Order, from respect to his convictions, refrained from obtruding their opinions upon the old soldier and loyal lover of everything that was British. While, therefore, Templar matters were not as progressive as many would have wished, it is an entire mistake to say that Great Priory was or is in a semi-dormant state. These reports must originally emanate from Canadian sources, and those who instigate them are certainly lacking in their duty and loyalty to the Order in this Dominion.

He made quite a number of official visits, and says:

In Canada we have fostered the institution with much care, and I am glad to feel that while our membership is smaller than the percentage of Masonry seems to suggest as possible within the limits of propriety, yet I hope that the limitations which have been observed are those which have been demanded by the necessities of making our Order as select and self-respecting as its Knightly founders had hoped. I have been favored with special opportunities of meeting those who constitute this Order from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I can testify that everywhere I have met such men as I have tried to describe, and received such receptions as I shall never forget.

Brother Robertson, P. G. M., again makes the Report on Correspondence.

Sir E. E. Sheppard, re-elected Grand Master.

Sir Daniel Spry, re-elected Grand Chancellor.

CONNECTICUT—1894.

The address of the Grand Commander and the reports of the other officers show the Order to be in a healthy and flourishing condition.

An excellent steel engraved likeness of Past Grand Commander H. Wales Lines is given, with a biographical sketch.

After the proceedings proper, we find an account of the reception and banquet. We make a quotation:

On Monday evening, in accordance with the usual custom, which has almost the force of a landmark, the officers of the Grand Commandery, permanent members and visiting fraters, assembled in the asylum of Crusader Commandery and witnessed the conferring of the Order of the Temple. The new Ritual was used, and for the second time only. The work was very correctly and impressively rendered.

After the work came refreshment. The Sir Knights were escorted to a spacious hall, where they assembled around the banquet table to the number of about one hundred and twenty-five. At low 12 order was called by Sir Knight Joseph M. Smith, who presided, and introduced the Grand Commander, Sir Knight James B. Wildman, who was a member of Crusader Commandery and long a resident of Danbury. He extended a hearty welcome to the visiting Sir Knights.

Grand Recorder Wheeler makes a short but good Report on Correspondence. Colorado receives kindly notice. We give his conclusion:

This will conclude our report for 1894. Our review is somewhat brief in comparison with a few that have preceded it, but such as it is, we send forth. It has been our intention this year to curtail a little. This we have done to enable the introduction of some features which we consider of more importance than the printing of a long correspondence report, which we hope will satisfy our readers, and especially the members of the guild with whom we are and have been so pleasantly associated.

Sir G. Herrick Wilson, Grand Commander.

Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA—1894.

Grand Commander Baldwin says:

Our Order is in a healthy condition, and while we are not making progress in all respects, yet I think we are to be congratulated upon our growth. All of the Commanderies report more or less work having been done, and our numbers have been increased, and many true and worthy members have been added to our number, and more are in sight.

Some show was indulged in:

At 7:30 o'clock the lines were formed in front of the Kimball House (headquarters), where they received the officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Georgia. Preceded by the Fifth Battalion band, they marched to the Second Baptist church, where the religious services of the Order were held.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Roland B. Hall, in his usually entertaining style. We give his conclusion:

Again our work for the year is completed. We are pleased to report the Order throughout the United States in a prosperous condition. Peace and harmony prevail, save between New York and Indiana, where representation has been suspended. It is hoped that this little cloud, which is the only one preventing universal sunshine, will soon be dispelled.

Good Friday, Easter and Ascension Day are now generally observed by public religious services.

To our own beloved fraters who have honored us in the past, and to our kind and generous co-laborers who have passed our imperfections by, we extend thanks and a fond adieu. May we all meet again.

Sir Park Woodward, Grand Commander.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1894.

The Grand Commander opens his address as follows:

In the progress of time, and in compliance with the statutes and laws of our Order, and by the gracious favor of Almighty

God, we are again assembled in annual conclave; and notwithstanding the discouragements incidental to the stringency of the times, the year now drawing to a close has been one of reasonable prosperity. Throughout this Grand Jurisdiction the utmost harmony prevails, and with our sister jurisdictions, with one exception, all is peace.

Regular attendance and proficiency in the work should be absolute prerequisites to advancement. And particular attention should be paid to selecting for the lowest officer in the line, a member qualified, or who will become so, for Eminent Commander:

Rotation in office is also one of the most damaging practices in our Order. When a Sir Knight is elected or appointed to an office, and fails to attend the Conclaves of the Commandery, or to learn and perform the duties of his office, he should be promptly turned down at the following election of officers. The fact that he is a clever and popular fellow does not entitle him to be carried step by step until he attains the position of Eminent Commander, without having qualified himself for that important position, and no greater mistake can be made than this too common practice.

Of inspections he well says:

I am more than ever convinced of the advisability of keeping up a rigid system of inspection each year. Especially is this necessary in the military element of our organization. It is true that the military element of our Order is secondary to some extent, yet certain proficiency in military movements and in the use of the sword are absolutely essential to proper and efficient work in conferring the orders, and in the opening and closing ceremonies, and no Commandery should appear in public parade until it can perform the more simple military movements in a creditable manner.

Grand Master McCurdy was present, and was received with appropriate honors. He made an eloquent address. The Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Joseph M. McGrath, also Right Eminent Sir George M. Moulton, Grand Senior Warden, and Right Eminent Sir Theo. S. Parvin, Past Grand Recorder, were present and addressed the Grand Commandery.

Brother John Corson Smith submits his sixth annual Report on Correspondence. It covers 153 pages, taking in the whole field of Templarism. We quote from his opening:

The Templar field has been gleaned, and no proceedings yet at hand have been neglected or overlooked. In one and all we note the quiet energy which is being put forth to upbuild and strengthen the Knightly Temple and advance the interest of our magnanimous Order. No vexed questions appear to disturb the peace and harmony which prevails in all our grand asylums, and the universal reports of all our committees on grievances are that no cause of grievance has been presented to your committee. That such may long continue to be the report of such committees is the wish of your correspondent.

Our proceedings for 1894 receive full and kindly notice.

He gives a very interesting history of "The Illustrious Order of Hospitalers and Knights of St. John of Jerusalem." Illustrated.

We find the following well worth reproducing:

The following beautiful Templar poem, by Sir Knight Dr. Joseph Robbins, Past Grand Master of Illinois, never having been correctly printed, we give it here:

SACRED ASYLUM.

Sacred Asylum! here we meet
And tell our vows at Friendship's shrine;
Father! guide Thou our wayward feet.
And make the hearts before Thee Thine.

Beneath the bannered Cross we stand,
From worldly noise and strife apart,
And trusting, grasp the proffered hand,
That holds within its palm the heart.

From off our pilgrim sandals brush
The dust of busy, toiling day,
And here, in evening's quiet hush,
Bending before our Master, pray—

That in our hearts, without alloy,
May dwell the love the Christ hath shown,
Responsive to a Brother's joy,
And making all his griefs our own.

With firm reliance on Thy name,
May we the paths of duty tread
O'er frozen ways or through the flame
Whence Molay's martyr-spirit fled.

And when at last, this mortal dust
Shall put on Immortality:
O, grant us then serenest trust
In Thine unending verity.

While we express our sympathy in the undercurrent expressed in a paragraph of his closing, we do so with more than a formal feeling of sympathy for one who suffers. It is the feeling of one who, for a time, shared in the same service:

We close our correspondence this 20th day of October, 1894, that we may be ready for the Grand Commandery on the 23d. Weary though we are, and glad that our labor for the year is ended, yet we are sorry to lose the enjoyable visits we have had to the several jurisdictions, the proceedings of which we have reviewed. We said we were weary; we are not strong, although we look so, and find that to offset the weary days of waiting and watching in the early '60's we must take more rest, and seek that rest in change and travels abroad. We are never free from weakness and pain, yet we try to pass along life's journey uncomplainingly. Our suffering comes of service to our country in its hour of dire distress, and small as that service may have been to our country, and large as the suffering is to us, we feel the result is worth all the cost, and we are happy in the thought of having tried to do a man's duty when the country's cry was loud for men.

Sir Henry H. Montgomery, Grand Commander.

Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1894.

The Grand Commander in his address reports:

Although the number knighted this year has been less than in 1892, our net increase has been fifty-four; number knighted, 194. The Order everywhere is prospering and harmony prevails. All Commanderies have made returns and paid dues. This is certainly a good showing, when we consider the extraordinary financial condition of our country during the year past, and we may confidently look forward to renewed prosperity in the coming year.

We give one decision:

A Sir Knight was suspended by his Lodge for two years for "unmasonic conduct." During this time charges were preferred against him in his Commandery for the same offense. Had the Commandery jurisdiction to try the Sir Knight?

Answer: Commandery had no jurisdiction to try while he was suffering the penalty inflicted by his Lodge. (See sections 2 and 11, Title XXIII., Code of Statutes, 1889, pages 71 and 72.)

The Grand Encampment at the Triennial Conclave of 1892 decided that a Sir Knight acquitted by his Lodge of charges could be tried in his Commandery for the same offense. (See page 159, Proceedings Grand Encampment, 1892.) But the case presented differs from this, that the Sir Knight had been convicted by his Lodge, and was then suffering the penalty inflicted.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted, setting aside this decision. We gave our views very fully on this question a couple of years ago, substantially as stated by the Committee. We give a part of the report:

Your committee holds that the Commandery has the inherent right to deal with its own members for a breach of Templar law, even though the same crime may be also an offense against Masonic or Capitular law. The Lodge and Commandery represent two separate jurisdictions, and the same act may be regarded quite differently in the two bodies. When a Templar has been disciplined in the Lodge, and his Templar rights and privileges thereby placed in abeyance during the term of such discipline, the Commandery may, in its discretion, omit to take any steps for his punishment through a trial by the Commandery.

The fact that the Lodge moves first does not deprive the Commandery of its right of action. Each body has its independent right to discipline its own members, and a Commandery may expel where a Lodge or Chapter would only suspend. Section 11, Title XXIII, expressly confirms the right of a Commandery to discipline one who has been already suspended or expelled by Lodge or Chapter.

The Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Encampment, 1892, in ruling upon the decision of Grand Master Gobin, No. 17, page 154, Proceedings of Grand Encampment, 1892, say:

"We cannot agree to a proposition which denies a Commandery the right to investigate any charges which may be properly made against any of its members."

The vote of the Grand Encampment sustains this proposition.

Brother Ruckle gives us a full and complete Report on Correspondence. We reproduce his opening because it expresses so well the general opinion and feeling in the Order. We have already commented on the death of each of these beloved brethren:

The Guild of Correspondents has lost in the last few months four of its most widely known members—eminent for their Masonic rank, valued for their attainments and loved for their attractive qualities of heart and head; all of them men in the

most manly sense; Masons from the heart out, active in every work of the Craft, and of good repute in the world.

John Henry Brown, of Kansas, for many years Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, died March 12, 1893. His service comprised three years as Master of a Lodge, eight years as High Priest of Chapter and one year as Grand High Priest in Iowa, his first Masonic home. After his removal to Kansas, in 1866, he served three years as Grand Master, two years as head of the Grand Council and one year as Grand Commander of Knights Templar. At the time of his death he was the Grand Secretary (or Grand Recorder) of the four Grand bodies of Kansas. In the Scottish Rite he had received the 33d degree. Of most pleasant address and manners, kind, considerate, thoughtful, candid in counsel and wise in action, for twenty-five years he had devoted his best thoughts to the interests of the fraternity in his State. He had his reward in the love and confidence of his brethren. As a reporter his opinions were sound and his criticisms most valuable, and among the Guild no one was held in higher personal esteem.

Joseph P. Hornor, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, died in New Orleans, January 24, 1893. He was four times Grand Commander. He had served as Grand Master, and was continuously active in the work of the Blue Lodge, serving as Master to the day of his death. In the Chapter he was equally active and devoted; as High Priest, as Grand High Priest, as President of the Order of High Priesthood, and as General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, in which office he was serving at the time of his death. In Scottish Rite his services were equally important, holding the chief office of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana for twelve consecutive years, at a time when it was attacked from without and within. He was quick in discernment, prompt in his decisions and ever zealous for the advancement of the Order. In Masonic and private circles he endeared himself to all with whom he was associated.

William P. Innes, for many years Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, died at Grand Rapids, Mich., August 2, 1893. He served with credit both in the war with Mexico and in the war of the rebellion. He was Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander, and for many years the Recorder of the three Grand bodies. He was a man of strong personality, intense feelings and positive convictions, but of a most hopeful and genial spirit. At the time of his death he was the Dean of the Guild, among whom he was held in the highest respect and esteem.

George C. Connor, Grand Recorder and Correspondent for the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, died at his home in Chattanooga, March 9th of this year. He was most closely identified with Masonry in Tennessee. Active, energetic, untiring, diligent in the interests of the Craft, he impressed himself upon all with whom he came in contact. He brought into the Correspondence field, if not greater literary attainments, a larger share of literary zeal than any other reviewer, and all an Irishman's love of controversy. His report was by many degrees the brightest

written by any member of the Guild. Not always dignified, and often more apt to be sarcastic than earnest, he wrote with a command of argument and illustration that gave strength to his opinions. He gave his most indefatigable service to the National Ritual Committee, of which he was Secretary; first, in opposition to the Ritual adopted at St. Louis, by advocating the fixing of the "essentials" only by the Grand Encampment, and latterly working for the adoption of the National Ritual promulgated by the Grand Encampment at Denver. At the meeting of Correspondents in Denver Connor presided, and both Innes and Brown were present.

Sir Charles W. Slick, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Smythe, re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA—1894.

Grand Commander Babb opens his address as follows:

Sir Knights—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" It makes our Templar Park an Eden, and our official cares and duties a labor of love. After a year's separation we meet once more in our Templar home, on the enchanting borders of Spirit Lake. We come from every part of our State, bringing our wives and loved ones with us, leaving the busy and vexing cares of life behind, bidding adieu for a season to the office, shop and counting-room, to enjoy to its fullest extent the pure, free air and picturesque beauty with which nature has so lavishly endowed this charming spot. We come together, not as strangers, nor to new and untried surroundings; we assemble as one great family in our own home, so dear to us all. We come with glad smiles and joyous greetings, to renew and cement the already strong ties of love and friendship formed from year to year as we have met in this same home, and which have grown and strengthened as the years have lengthened.

The Grand Commander very properly recommends upbuilding the present Commanderies rather than making a larger number, and thus unduly dividing up the membership and material for work. We would like to give what he says on "future growth" in full, but must be content with a quotation:

Templar Masonry has had a vigorous and healthy growth in Iowa, both as to numbers and quality of membership. There are at present an ample number of Commanderies, and our efforts to insure future advancement should be carefully devoted to the upbuilding of those already constituted. Strict adherence to certain rules will insure the healthy growth of almost any Commandery in the State. Permit me to suggest a few:

Never elect any member, it matters not how clever he may be, to an office in the Commandery who will not be zealous in attention to the duties of that office. Every Commander should realize that upon him rests largely the prosperity of his command. He must first see that each of the subordinate officers masters his duties in opening and closing a Commandery, and in conferring the orders. He can only do this by personal effort in this direction. This is the first and necessary step.

Let every member within convenient access be informed of these meetings, either by personal notice or by card from the Recorder, as many are liable, in the hurry of business, to overlook the time. Meet early and promptly, and close at a reasonable hour. Nothing will kill a Commandery quicker than to have a few members come at the appointed hour and then wait for half an hour or more for others to come in.

Keep careful guard on the ballot-box, as the badge of a Templar is only valuable as it proclaims that no man can wear it who does not possess the high qualities of mind and heart which it indicates.

An evening reception was given by the Grand officers with the usual accompaniments.

Brother Coxe again makes the Report on Correspondence. We quote from his opening:

We herewith submit our review of the proceedings of the Templar bodies of America which have come to our table. The list is not quite complete, but the laggards must take place at the foot of the line, if they secure notice at all. We have aimed at completeness in our record of the doings of the Grand bodies; have selected important utterances and decisions of Grand Commanders; have phonographed the voices of correspondents on all important topics. There is no contention to be reported; little dissension finds record; peace and harmony everywhere prevail. The Ritual fails to provoke either active opposition or ardent enthusiasm. No topic of general interest invites attack or defense. The even current of our thought is not disturbed by any solicitous query. The growth of the Templar body has been less than in some years, yet it is healthful and hopeful.

We tender thanks for kind words for our jurisdiction and personally.

The following we take from his conclusion:

Our fraters at home have everywhere reason for encouragement over the Templar outlook. Iowa holds her position as seventh in point of numbers; we have reason to think that the past year has not been the least prosperous in our history. We have peace in our own borders; we are honored abroad; Iowa Templars nobly sustain the fair fame of our beautiful State in many jurisdictions. The Order at large is to be congratulated on its prospects. The percentage of Templars to Master Masons in the country is steadily growing. We look for large accessions in the East the coming year. The Boston Triennial will be an event of unsurpassed importance.

Sir David W. Clements, Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred Wingate, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1894.

This was the Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave and was a jubilee occasion. The Grand Commander shows how they have increased in Commanderies and membership since their organization:

The number of Commanderies has increased from four to thirty-eight, with four additional working under dispensation. The membership has increased from 101 to 3,110. While the number of Commanderies has been multiplied by only ten and one-half, including those under dispensation, the membership has been multiplied by thirty-one. The subordinate Commanderies are, almost without exception, strong and vigorous. Our Order, it will thus be seen, has advanced "with equal step" with the general progress and development of the State.

The following seemed to meet unanimous approval, and it was a social success:

Recognizing the fact that man by nature is a social creature, and that these Annual Conclaves are intended to and do develop and stimulate his social powers, renew old friendships and establish new ones, thereby adding to the sum of happiness enjoyed by each; and believing that a silver spike ought to be driven at the quarter-century point of the progress of our Order in this jurisdiction, I deemed it wise, after consultation with my brother officers and many other Sir Knights, to arrange for a banquet to the members of the Grand Commandery during the present Conclave. I trust that this action will meet with your approbation, and that the occasion will prove to be both pleasant to us as individuals and profitable to our vallant and magnanimous Order.

Sir J. C. Postlethwaite makes the Report on Correspondence. His work is introduced by P. G. C. Byington, chairman of the committee, as follows:

Sickness and my continued feeble condition have rendered it a physical impossibility for me to prepare a report on correspondence, and I have called upon Sir John C. Postlethwaite, of the committee, to undertake the work, which, with his usual Knightly courtesy, he promptly consented to do, and although the time was short to prepare the report, I have no doubt it will prove satisfactory.

To the Sir Knights of Kansas Sir Postlethwaite needs no introduction, and to the Guild he is possibly not an entire stranger, having served the Grand Lodge of Kansas as Grand Master, and the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest. With this brief announcement I commend Sir Postlethwaite's report to your careful consideration, and crave your charitable indulgence for my many misfortunes.

He makes a good report. Our proceedings receive complimentary notice.

Sir Alexander G. Robb, Grand Commander.

Sir Dwight Byington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1894.

The proceedings commenced, as usual, with a grand parade followed by public services at the Presbyterian church. At the hall the Grand Commandery was welcomed in a short address and an appropriate response by the Deputy Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

I congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of the Order throughout the State, and while the annual returns of the subordinate Commanderies for the past year do not show an increase in numbers so great as in former years, still our growth is encouraging. The financial reaction and business depression of the country have no doubt in some measure retarded our progress.

We note the following:

Sir Knight Warren LaRue Thomas, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of

America, was formally introduced, and welcomed and greeted by the Grand Commander. The distinguished Sir Knight responded in his usual happy and entertaining style.

Most Worshipful James W. Staton, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Kentucky, being present, was introduced to the Grand Commandery by Past Grand Commander William Ryan, and was greeted and welcomed in a most cordial manner by the Right Eminent Grand Commander. The Grand Master responded to the welcome in an appropriate address.

The following from the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we think is a sound opinion:

Your committee is firm in its opinion that where life-membership has been acquired by a member of a subordinate Commandery, by and under compliance with the laws of his Commandery in force at the time this right vested in him, such life membership cannot be taken from him against his will by any subsequent legislation, or by any decision made after the vesting of such right in such member, as to the law under which such life membership was acquired.

We give a paragraph from an elaborate description of the reception following the proceedings:

By the older generation and by the younger sets in society, who were in attendance almost to a unit, last night's entertainment will be remembered as long as they live. It was one of the most enjoyable and successful public affairs in the history of the Grand Commandery of the State. This is due to the Paducah Commandery as a whole, and more particularly to the committees from that body who arranged for the event, issued the invitations, and by intelligent endeavor, both collectively and individually, made the reception what it was.

Past Grand Commander Woodruff submits his twenty-first annual Report on Correspondence. We quote from his conclusion, and wish him years of usefulness:

We have herein presented some intelligence from each of the several Grand bodies in correspondence with the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, noting the steady progress of our Order in every direction, and meeting with many topics worthy of the consideration of every Templar. This is our twenty-first report on Correspondence, and we finish it just as we are entering upon the grand climacteric of life.

The following old subject is being made new by many recent notices and suggestions:

The idea of erecting a National Templar building continues to engage attention, with a promise of an increasing interest, which we hope will bring forth adequate fruit in good time. The desire for such a building is not a recent contemplation. So early in the history of the Order as 1856, Grand Master William B. Hubbard alluded to the subject in the following beautiful terms:

"Alas! our Grand Encampment has no visible Temple and Temple grounds wherein to erect monuments or storied urns, wrought by the skillful hand of a Praxiteles, a Denon or a Powers, to the memory of our departed heroes. No hall or gallery to enrich or adorn with the faithful, life-breathing likeness of those we love, and who are worthy of our love!"

Sir James D. Lewis, Grand Commander.

Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger, re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1894.

Grand Commander Buck commences his address as follows:

Sir Knights—I greet you under what I may justly designate fairly auspicious conditions, to the Thirty-first Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery. I fear we have not done everything which as Knights Templar we should have done; but we have not done anything detrimental, nor left undone anything reasonably within our duty. Officially, I have had absolutely nothing to do. That is to say, with the one exception presently noted. I have been asked no questions; had no opinions to give or decisions to render. It is something in this connection to bear in mind, that this is evidence of the prevalence of peace and good order, and of the well established regularity with which our Commanderies do their work and administer their affairs.

Further he says:

I can with satisfaction say that the report of the Grand Recorder, based on the returns of the subordinate Commanderies, will show a fair, if not a gratifying state of sound prosperity in the Order. Though death has taken many from our midst, we have gained somewhat in total membership.

P. G. C. Fellows makes a very short Report on Correspondence. It is devoted principally to a review of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Charles F. Buck, re-elected Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1894.

The Grand Commander's address and the reports of other Grand Officers show the Order to be in a healthy condition.

Brother Rugg, of the Grand Encampment, was present and we find the following:

V. E. Henry W. Rugg was then called upon officially. He addressed the Grand Commandery, speaking of his warm feelings toward the Templars of Maine, among whom he received the orders, and congratulating the Grand Commandery upon its loyalty and upon its past record. He made an eloquent panegyric upon the Order, with the most sanguine predictions for its future.

The proceedings are very short, and principally of local interest.

Sir Knight Berry makes his nineteenth Report on Correspondence. It is a complete report. As usual, we avail ourselves of his carefully prepared statistics.

Sir William J. Landers, Grand Commander.

Sir Stephen Berry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1894.

A Special Conclave was held March 26, 1894, at which the officers of the subordinate Commanderies were installed. It would be a difficult custom in our jurisdiction with Commanderies more than three hundred miles from Denver where the Grand Commandery is permanently located.

At the Regular Annual Conclave the Grand Commander, in his address, reports:

The year that has passed by so swiftly, although uneventful as to prominent occurrences, has been one of peace and prosperity. Brotherly love has prevailed in all our deliberations, and devotion and loyalty to our beloved Order have ruled supreme throughout our jurisdiction. We are at peace with ourselves and the Templar world.

At the Special Conclave the desirability of requiring each Sir Knight to pay a sum sufficient to buy him a uniform, as part of the fees for initiation, was discussed and went over for action to the Annual Conclave. The Grand Commander was against it:

I would, therefore, recommend that while there is so much diversity of opinion on this subject, the law be left as it is now, as it does not prevent a Sir Knight from uniforming as soon as he is dubbed. On the other hand, obligatory uniforming might keep some good men out of the Order, who would otherwise become Knights Templar and procure the necessary uniform at a later date.

The committee to which the matter was referred approved the recommendation of the Grand Commander and the report was adopted. We have long had this requirement in our Commanderies and its results are excellent. We have no Knights without uniforms, except occasionally one from Maryland or some other jurisdiction, and if he affiliates here he must procure a standard uniform within four months.

P. G. C. Gorgas makes his eighteenth annual Report on Correspondence. We quote with approval from his closing:

With Wyoming we close our Eighteenth Annual Report on Correspondence, and lay aside the Reviewer's pen until material accumulates for the preparation of another; and while this duty, so long performed, has become one of "life's duties," and affords a degree of pleasure and of interest which only the Correspondent can appreciate, yet such pleasure is alloyed with sorrow, for almost every year's proceedings record the death of one of more of the Reportorial Corps, whose names have become famous, not only as the Correspondents of their respective jurisdictions, but as prominent, active, zealous and intelligent members of our noble Order.

It is very gratifying to note the universal harmony which prevails among the different jurisdictions composing the American Templar Order; and although slight clouds may sometimes be visible in the bright sky of the Knightly horizon, yet they are scarcely seen before they have passed away and left no trace behind.

Sir Wm. H. Martin, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—1894.

At the Semi-annual Conclave the approaching Triennial was fully considered. Among other things regarding it, the Grand Commander in his address pertinently says:

The committee are active and earnest and will do all in their power to make the Triennial Conclave of 1895 a grand success. But there is much more needed. It is necessary that to their assistance should be brought the earnest endeavors of every Knight Templar in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, not alone in furnishing the required funds, but in all the details of preparation which will tend so much toward making this Conclave notable in our history. It is expected that every Commandery will participate in the opening parade, with full ranks, but in order to do so, immediate steps should be taken to awaken in the minds of some of the Sir Knights the necessity for individual action. With a membership of ten thousand, this Grand Commandery should present an imposing appearance; but when we contemplate the fact that many Commanderies are sadly deficient in the number of uniforms, it becomes plainly apparent that action should be immediately taken to bring to the notice of every member of the subordinate Commanderies the necessity of so preparing himself that at the Triennial Conclave of 1895 he may worthily represent our honored Order.

This emphasizes what we have said in favor of our requirement, that every candidate who receives the orders, be required as part of the fee, to pay for his uniform; and that the uniform be furnished by the Commandery, according to the standard adopted by the Grand Commandery.

However, the Chairman of the Triennial Committee makes a favorable report on the subject:

From various sources we are receiving favorable reports of the feeling which exists throughout the Commanderies in this jurisdiction. The Knights are realizing the importance of the occasion, and seem deeply impressed with the duty which devolves upon them of making the coming Conclave an event which will reflect the highest honor upon the Templars of this jurisdiction. The committee are persuaded that the Commanderies will take vigorously in hand the matter of raising the funds necessary to the successful carrying out of the arrangements for the reception, each contributing according to the strength of its membership.

The work of the Order of the Temple, as adopted by the Grand Encampment, was satisfactorily exemplified.

At the regular Annual Conclave the Grand Commander reports:

Another year has rolled by, and again we meet to deliberate upon the affairs of this Grand Commandery. It was thought that the year just passed would be one of great interest to Templar Masonry. Preceding the year of the Triennial Conclave, it was expected to be of unusual activity; but a business depression almost unparalleled in our history has undoubtedly prevented that increase of membership which we so confidently hoped for. But as we review the records of the subordinate Commanderies for the past year, we find that notwithstanding the unfortunate condition of business, our beloved Order has made encouraging progress, and we believe with the present prospect of a return of brighter days that the year upon which we are about entering will witness, not only in this jurisdiction, but all over the United States, an interest in Templar Masonry never before known.

We confidently predict that the hope expressed by the Grand Commander will be fully realized:

It is hoped and expected that there will be present in the city of Boston the grandest gathering of Knights Templar the world has ever witnessed, and that here in what may well be called the birthplace of Knight Templarism in the United States, will be exemplified in the highest degree that spirit of courtesy and hospitality which are the never failing characteristics of the Order.

The Report on Correspondence is made as heretofore, by Brothers Rugg and Finch, each reporting separately on part of the proceedings, the whole making a very complete report. Our jurisdiction comes under the kindly notice of Brother Rugg.

We give a quotation from the conclusion. It states the present condition of affairs so clearly we cannot well abridge it:

The foregoing review gives unmistakable evidence of the growth and prosperity of the Order of Knights Templar. There has been a gratifying gain in numbers and in funds, notwithstanding the financial stress that has prevailed throughout all parts of this country. Nearly all of the jurisdictions have participated in the general prosperity. The Templar organization was never so strong or popular as at the time of this writing. Its influence and its benign service are greater than ever before. The outlook for the future is every way auspicious and encouraging.

By a careful reading of the proceedings placed in our hands we have been impressed with the fact that the present is an era of good feeling among Templar organizations and Knights Templar generally. A loyal constituency, thoroughly united, seems animated by one and the same purpose, viz.: to maintain the true glory of Templary and to apply its principles in the directions made evident by its lessons and symbolism, and especially by that most sacred sign, the Cross of Calvary.

The year included in our review has been a quiet and uneventful one in Templar history. There have been few disturbing questions presented. Never within the memory of the present writer has there been such an absence of discussion relative to matters of law and polity and methods of procedure. Even where some differences have been shown, involving discussion as to principles or the best manner of securing direct results, the consideration accorded such subjects has been conducted in the most kindly and fraternal spirit.

The Ritual adopted at Denver in 1892, somewhat delayed in its distribution, is now accepted in all the jurisdictions. The reports which we have read show that it gives general satisfaction. Let us hope that the Ritual question has been settled to remain settled.

Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Grand Commander.

Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1894.

Grand Commander Anthony says:

I congratulate you, Sir Knights, upon your wise selection in choosing this beautiful city and this magnificent asylum for holding this Thirty-eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. No spot in all this fair peninsula presents a more inviting field for our temporary sojourn than the beautiful big village of Kalamazoo, situated as it is in one of the most favored portions of the State, and equipped with all the comforts of the modern city.

In accordance with long established usage, and in compliance with the statutes, I submit herewith a plain statement of my official acts during the past year. I am very glad to announce to you that peace and prosperity prevail throughout our borders, and notwithstanding the stringency of the times, our Order continues to flourish, and nearly the usual number of new members have been added. Good men and true are knocking at our doors for admission, and our Order continues in the front rank, holding the respect and admiration of men.

The question of Masonic Homes is one of great interest to the fraternity in all its branches. We give in full what the Grand Commander says about the one in his jurisdiction:

August 7, I enjoyed the long looked for pleasure of visiting the Masonic Home, in company with the President of the Masonic Home Association, Past Grand Master William Dunham, as my pilot and escort. It is indeed all that its name implies—a "home." A grand monument to the Masons of Michigan and the minds that conceived and have thus far successfully carried forward this noble charity. No genuine Mason can visit this institution without having his heart warm toward it. And when one looks into the happy and contented faces of the occupants, and reflects that after a lifetime spent in unsuccessfully battling in the struggle of life, they find here, at last, shelter, comfort, home, the prayer comes spontaneously to one's lips, Long may it endure! But the question yet remains unsolved as to how it shall be permanently supported. In other years this Grand body has added its portion, and I most fraternally and urgently recommend that we continue to bear our share of the responsibility of caring for its material welfare. I need not remind you that the Masonic Home was mainly the offspring of our beloved Right Eminent Sir Innes. He labored in season and out of season, early and late, watched its progress with zealous and anxious care, and finally rejoiced to see it reach the proportions it has now assumed. We shall be honoring ourselves and honoring his memory if we continue to care for it to the extent of our ability.

There are two sides to the question of Commanderies appearing in public. As we, personally, have expressed our views against such appearance, except on strictly Masonic occasions, we give the Grand Commander's views as expressed in his address:

Section 33 of article 12 of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment provides that "a Commandery should appear in public in Templar costume only on Masonic occasions, and a dispensation for that purpose should be restricted to such an occasion." I have been obliged to decline requests for dispensations that did not come strictly within the meaning of this statute, in some instances much to my regret, firmly believing, as I do, that more frequent appearances of our Commanderies in public, especially those in the smaller cities and towns, would prove of great benefit.

No stronger or more reasonable appeal could be made for the repeal of this statute than that offered by the present M. E. Grand Master when he honored the position of Grand Commander of this Grand Jurisdiction. I quote his words: "Knight Templarism is imbedded in the principles of military discipline, and to forego its character is to lose sight of the grand history

of the crusades. The sword and plume of the Knight are the distinctive features that mark us from all other Orders of the day, and to repress public parade would be to give up the sword to corrosion and the plume to the moth. To abandon public parade would be to rob the Templar of his lofty character by reducing him to the status of a carpet Knight."

I earnestly hope to see this Grand body put itself on record in favor of a larger liberty in this direction.

Sir John A. Gerow, P. G. C., makes the Report on Correspondence. It shows careful and painstaking work, with good judgment. In opening he says:

In presenting to you this, our first Report on Correspondence, we crave your indulgence, and trust that in judging of the merits or demerits of this report you will make due allowance for our inexperience in matters of this sort. We have endeavored to select the brightest sentiments expressed by some of the ablest minds in our Order, and to present a synopsis of the doings in our sister jurisdictions, in the hope that what is here presented may be of some service to the members of our noble Order. If we have succeeded in this, then are we amply repaid for all the labor performed in preparing this report.

This from his conclusion:

We note with pleasure that peace and harmony prevails within the Order throughout the land, and that a healthy and well defined increase is reported from all quarters, notwithstanding the depression in business affairs.

Sir Charles H. Pomeroy, Grand Commander.
Sir John A. Gerow, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1894.

The Grand Commander reports:

It is a matter of great satisfaction to me that I am able to report to you that no dissension of any character has arisen during the past year, but on the contrary, the very best of Knightly feeling exists throughout our entire State. But little has been brought to my attention except the regular routine. As a result of this happy condition, your Grand Commander has experienced less difficulty in the administration of affairs than have many of his predecessors.

Grand Recorder Montgomery again makes the Report on Correspondence. We quote from his opening:

Your Committee on Correspondence has carefully inspected the proceedings of all the Grand Commanderies received at the Grand Recorder's office, and herewith submits a brief review thereof. No burning questions seem to agitate the Templar world at the present time. The addresses and reports for the past year were burdened with glowing accounts of the Silver Triennial at Denver, and of the generous hospitality and magnificent display of our Colorado fraters, and with rejoicing at the final settlement of the Ritual question. Great dissatisfaction was expressed, however, at the delay in its distribution, and there are again widespread complaints because so few copies can be had. This will doubtless be remedied at Boston. Already preparations are being made for the Boston Triennial, and expectation runs high. Undoubtedly it will attract an immense concourse of Templar Knights and their friends from all parts of our country.

The following is an excellent plan:

A feature of nearly all the proceedings is the space given to obituary notices and orders promulgating the same. These are often, improperly as we think, incorporated into the addresses of Grand Commanders, and are sometimes duplicated in the reports of Committees on Necrology. A worthy plan, observed in some jurisdictions, is that of having a standing Committee on Obituary, to whom is reported all the facts attainable concerning deceased fraters who are present or past Grand officers, and a well prepared and brief report is thus presented during the session, the Grand Commander merely mentioning the name.

Sir W. H. S. Wright, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI—1894.

The Grand Commander makes the following favorable report:

The financial distress which has prevailed over the whole country during the past year has had its inevitable depressing influence on our Order, and prevented that increase in our ranks which we would otherwise undoubtedly have had. I feel assured, however, that though we have gained but slightly in numerical strength, we have progressed in zeal and earnest endeavor to reach the true standard of a Knight Templar.

The Grand Commandery, as a body, attended devotional services:

The Commandery met at its asylum at 7 o'clock p. m., and proceeded to the Methodist church, where the offices of devotion were observed in a very impressive manner. A select choir, embracing some of the best talent of Holly Springs, conducted the musical part of the exercises, the devotional services being under the general direction of Rev. Sir N. G. Augustus, Grand Prelate.

By special invitation of the R. E. Grand Commander, Rev. Sir Hugh Miller Thompson, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was present and made an eloquent, forcible and very appropriate address, which was greatly enjoyed by the Sir Knights and the large audience.

Sir Knight Speed, Chairman of the Committee on Templar Law, devotes three or four pages to a discussion of the question of the effect of non-affiliation in Lodge and Chapter. The reasons for the conclusion of the committee are rather peculiar:

From a consideration of the foregoing there can be no sort of doubt but that the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Mississippi and the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, have laws which are in opposition to each other, and which can not be reconciled by any known rule of construction.

In the consideration of this question we are confronted with this proposition: Is the law of the Grand Lodge, the greatest of all Masonic tribunals, the fountain of all Masonry, its conservator, the only true and legitimate source of Masonic authority, to be set aside by an order which it permits to exist, whose foundation stone rests upon the Blue Lodge, and can its laws be nullified and set aside by individuals who owe to it permanent allegiance?

We have but one answer to make to such a proposition, which is an emphatic No. In whatever organization a Master Mason may find himself, his first duty is to the Lodge, and there is no power on earth which can absolve him from his vow of obedience to its laws. Its mandate is supreme and can not be called into question anywhere or by any one. And whenever and wherever any body of Masons or Rite of Masons sets up its authority against it, it can and ought to crush it out of existence. If anywhere a Master Mason takes a vow or obligation contrary to the supreme allegiance which he owes to the Grand Lodge, it is simply a nullity, something which he must renounce or suffer the penalty of being deprived of all Masonic associations. We could not sit here for one moment, as Master Masons, if the principle of supreme and undivided allegiance to the Grand Lodge were to be denied by this Grand Commandery or any superior. When the law of the Grand Encampment comes in conflict with that of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, it must yield.

The conclusion of the committee, therefore, is that the law of the Grand Lodge is supreme and must be obeyed. The non-

contributing non-affiliate can not sit in a Commandery in Mississippi, notwithstanding the law of the Grand Encampment permits him to do so, because the highest power in Masoury, the Grand Lodge, forbids it.

The whole matter seems simple enough to us, and can be fully reconciled without any conflict or trouble whatever.

The decision of the Grand Encampment is that mere non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter does not affect the standing in the Commandery. But anything which affects the standing in the Lodge or Chapter affects the standing of the member in the Commandery.

In Mississippi non-affiliation is made to work a suspension or it may be said, an expulsion from Lodge and Chapter, while it exists and similarly affects the member's standing in the Commandery.

To illustrate, we quote from this report:

The law of the Grand Lodge is that a non-affiliated Master Mason who does not contribute to the funds of the Lodge under whose jurisdiction he resides "is not entitled to or permitted to receive the rights, benefits and privileges of the Lodge; that is to say, the right to visit and associate with the regular members of the Lodge. * * * The right to move or join in Masonic processions, the right to Masonic burial. (Section 27 of the Uniform Code of By-Laws.) The law of the Grand Chapter is to the same effect. In the construction of this law the Grand Lodge has gone so far as to hold that a dimitted Mason can not be admitted into the lodge to testify at a trial, but must be treated as a profane.

Brother De Lap again makes the Report on Correspondence. He laments the lack of "chances of a scrimmage," but he hits a head now and then, in fact, when one is within his reach:

The truth is, the position of Reporter is losing its glist and enjoyment, owing to the dearth of exciting topics upon which a difference of opinion is possible, thereby reducing the chances of a scrimmage to the minimum.

We take particular pleasure in quoting from his conclusion, as we unintentionally may have made Brother De Lap's sharp sayings appear worse than we knew he intended:

We have tried to be conservative and avoid being obstreperous. Some of our deliverances in last report on the subject of attending divine service have wounded the sensibilities of some of our friends, whose feelings are sacred to us. We regret the fact that they had cause, but deny that it was found in the feelings and motives that inspired our language. We are not perfect, although so singularly near that point, and have made mistakes. We are not opposed to devotional services on the occasion of the Annual Conclaves, or on Templar holy days, but, on the contrary, are firm believers in them. What we think is wrong—and we certainly have a right to our opinion—is the wearing of the uniform and swords on the occasions, and in this view we think we have the support of God's word, as we certainly do that of some of the best and purest of the host, among others R. E. and Rev. Sir H. W. Rugg, of Massachusetts.

While we are of this mind, there are others equally as honest in their convictions as we are, of a contrary opinion, and we have concluded that the further agitation of the subject will do no good, hence we have dropped it.

The above is intended as apologetic for our shortcomings on the line named, and we hope our disclaimer of any intention of being rude or unkind to our brethren of Mississippi will be accepted and do away with any friction our imprudence may have caused.

The Order is generally prosperous, and absolute peace prevails all over the Templar world.

Sir J. C. French, Grand Commander.

Sir J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1894.

The first thing attracting our attention in these proceedings is a discussion by the Grand Commander, in his address, of the identical question we have just considered in Brother Speed's report to the Grand Commandery of Mississippi. We give a part of what he says, showing his conclusion. This decision was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence unanimously:

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment for 1886, Grand Master Roome made the following decision: When the constitution of a Grand Lodge provides as a penalty for non-payment of dues or non-affiliation, "suspension from all rights and privileges of Masonry," such suspension does affect the standing of a Templar in his Commandery, and he ceases to be a Templar in the manner and to the extent set forth in the statutes.

Article 51, page 191, Proceedings of the Grand Encampment for the year 1886, reads: "Striking from the roll of membership by Lodge or Chapter affects the standing of the Sir Knight in the Commandery precisely the same as it does in Lodge and Chapter." Not only has this individual Sir Knight, but all Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction who have voluntarily remained non-affiliated in Lodge or Chapter for over twelve months lost all rights and privileges in the Commandery, but, agreeable to the law, should have their names stricken from the rolls of the Commandery until restored as provided by article 112, page 200 of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment, 1886, which reads: "When a member of a Commandery loses his good standing by being 'stricken from the roll' by his Lodge or Chapter, his reinstatement in the Lodge or Chapter reinstates him in the Commandery."

Speaking of the Masonic Home, the Grand Commander says:

We still have a great work to do. Our Home is full and must be enlarged. A hospital and sanatorium has become a necessity. Your committee, appointed one year ago, has accomplished a noble work. The most pleasant task I have had during my administration was to aid them in this laudable enterprise.

We quote further from the address:

I am pleased to report that through the blessings of Him who "doeth all things well," the Grand Commandery of Missouri continues at peace with all its sister jurisdictions, nothing having occurred during the year to break the harmony that has existed in the past. It is with pleasure that I am able to report that generally our Commanderies are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and the outlook for the future is very promising. We have, however, a few weak Commanderies, who, by their reports, have held but two or three meetings during the year.

The Grand Recorder makes the Report on Correspondence in his usual able style.

To show the other side, we quote from his review of Colorado, what he says of our report on New York:

Under New York he copies and says:

What we object to is the restoration to good standing but not to membership in Lodge or Chapter of an expelled member, being a restoration to membership in the Commandery. It should have no greater effect in the Commandery than in the Lodge or Chapter. If he is not restored to membership, but only to good standing, in the disciplinary body, he should be restored to good standing only, and not to membership, in the Commandery.

And that is where he is exactly wrong. A Lodge can not expel a man from membership in his Commandery. It simply expels him from the rights and privileges of Masonry, and therefore Knights Templar can not hold Masonic communion with him, either in Lodge, Chapter or Commandery. But when this disability is removed he stands in the Commandery as if he had never been expelled.

We can not refrain from giving one part of his conclusion:

Since the publication of some of the proceedings above reviewed, several of our best loved and most honored fraters have fallen by the way. We call especial attention to the removal by death of fraters William P. Innes, of Michigan, and George C. Connor, of Tennessee. Two of the brightest lights in the Masonic firmament have been extinguished. One gave forth a pure, steady and unintermitting blaze, while the other flashed with meteoric brilliancy, but both were lighted by the true light that comes from heaven. Both these men were profound Masonic scholars, recognized as such not only in their own Grand Jurisdictions, but also throughout the Masonic world. The lives of such men are not in vain. It is better for us who survive them, it is better for Masonry, for humanity, that they lived. From the exhaustless fund supplied by their works, their writings and their lives we shall be enabled to draw lessons of wisdom, of comfort and hope for many and many a year.

Sir Thomas R. Morrow, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Mayo, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MONTANA—1894.

Grand Commander Babcock, in his address, says;

The year that has passed since we last met in Annual Conclave has been one of serious financial depression, such as will long be remembered, and which, no doubt, has in a great measure prevented the access of membership to our ranks, as compared to our continued increase in preceding years.

And the Committee on Address report:

We congratulate the Grand Commandery and the subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction on the peace which has prevailed during the past year, and encouraging prospects for the near future.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Grand Recorder Hedges. We give his opening in full:

Having reviewed all the proceedings of Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters so far received, we turn our attention to the Grand Commanderies. It is Decoration Day, and the associations are inspiring. In our fair city of Helena, and we presume and hope quite generally, the veterans that thirty years ago were in hostile array, interpreting the constitution by "wager of battle," are to-day associated in the more agreeable and appropriate service of paying floral tributes to the memory of fallen comrades. With the dead they are now burying the misunderstandings and alienations that led to war and hurried so many to premature graves. We see and feel that the victories of peace, wherein the diviner faculties of our souls are the active and controlling agents, are greater and more enduring than those of war. It is but a step to the conclusion that if these divine faculties had been brought into the field earlier, that cruel war might have been prevented, and so of all other wars that have been or may hereafter come. What a happy, heaven-like world this might be if wars were to cease at once and forever, and all the wealth now squandered on standing armies and in preparation for, as well as prosecution of war, should be devoted to the physical, mental and moral welfare of the human family! Let organized warfare be waged only against vice, injustice, impurity and whatever degrades and destroys man. Is not this the mission and the warfare to which Masonry has consecrated its energies? Is not the quest for the lost Word the great life work for each true Mason, to bring back the divine into the human soul, the Word that was with God in the beginning? And what part have Knights Templar to perform in this connection? Are they not the mounted cavalry of the great Masonic host, whose appropriate service is to move in advance, to uncover the foe, to open the way, to prevent surprise, and fly quickly to any point where danger is greatest and relief is most promptly needed?

Contrary to our usual custom we give a sentence from his review of Colorado:

Sir Harper gives most of his review to extracts, and always sets a good table, as we have known by experience. He is loyal to the Grand Encampment, and prods the kickers. Montana is remembered. May we together break brown bread and baked beans in Boston.

And this which is correct:

In the appendix to the appendix is Colorado's brief Code of Statutes, with a tail of standing orders and decisions long enough to wag the dog.

And this from his closing, which we appreciate:

It has been a year of business depression and calamity, unfavorable to growth in numbers and the prosecution of enterprises requiring ready and abundant means, but better adapted to the cultivation of the homely virtues of prudence, retrenchment and charity. It is fortunate that the Triennial did not occur in such a year as this, and it is to be hoped that there will be a large revival of prosperity in the intervening months. Notes of preparation for the pilgrimage to Boston are heard in every direction, and committees are maturing their plans and anxiously looking for the means to carry them out.

Sir M. C. Riley, Grand Commander.

Sir Cornelius Hedges, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—1894.

Although somewhat longer than our usual quotations, we give the opening of Grand Commander Bowen's address:

Sir Knights of Nebraska—I congratulate you Freemasons that you, being sincere and earnest Masonic Knights Templar, are abreast with the foremost standard of these last days of the Nineteenth century. In the Lodge we were taught belief in God, a personal God, in the power of prayer and in the resurrection to a life hereafter. In the Chapter we learned of the worship due our Creator and of His names and attributes. In our Order of the Red Cross the power of truth was impressed upon us, and in our Asylum we have heard the story of self-sacrifice—the most elevated idea that humanity is capable of comprehending. Freemasonry is of the earth, earthy, an organization devised by man for the benefit of men; it was never intended to take the place of the church or of the state. Requiring belief in God and, in our Order, faith in Christ, it is thus far a religion, but it is in no respect or degree a church, nor meant to take its place.

I congratulate you Masonic Knights Templar that you have by your profession of faith in Christ, our Redeemer, solved those problems that do, and ever must, cause one who is both a Christian and a Freemason (but not a Knight Templar) to ponder on the seeming antagonisms that confront the thinker—whether it is right to have an altar in our Lodge, whether a Christian can hope for response to any prayer not made in the name of Christ, and other problems that set one thinking as he passes from the Apprentice degree to the august Royal Arch.

And I congratulate you, Knights Templar, that by your adherence to the principles of our Order, by your continued membership, by your frequent participation in our ceremonies, you have thus renewed your vows, with knowledge of their scope and import. This full knowledge may not have impressed you when

you first entered our asylum, and had you found our teaching unacceptable or our practice uncongenial, your abandonment of our Order might be deplored, but your sincerity would have been appreciated. But having adhered to your professions, it only remains for us to remain steadfast to the end, with faith in God, hope for immortality and charity for our fellows.

The reports show the order to be in a reasonably prosperous condition.

Sir James A. Tulleys, Grand Commander.

Sir William R. Bowen was again elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1894.

The Grand Commander reports:

It is with much satisfaction that I am able to report to you that Templar Masoury in New Hampshire never rested upon a surer or firmer foundation. So far as I know, with the exception of the question of uniforms, the utmost harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and between this and other Grand Commanderies Knightly courtesies have been granted and received. The year which has just closed has been one of great business depression and financial hardship. It has been world-wide, and its effects have been felt in Templar Masonry, not only in this Grand Jurisdiction, but throughout the entire country; yet, notwithstanding these facts, the Order in New Hampshire has increased in numbers, so that to-day it can boast of a larger membership than ever before in its history. You are to be congratulated on the standing and the excellent showing made by the Templars of New Hampshire. It is a source of pride to me that no backward step has been taken during the administration of the affairs of this Grand Commandery for the past year. Let us hope that a greater success awaits it in the future.

Sir Knight Wait gives a carefully written Report on Correspondence.

In his conclusion he joins in the general report:

The survey of the Templar field we have thus made exhibits the Order in the enjoyment of general harmony and a prosperity not surpassed in any period of its history. In nearly every Grand Jurisdiction the membership has been increased, and the accessions to the numbers have been such as to give strength to the Order and to insure the permanency of its high moral tone. Never was it doing a better work, and never were its prospects brighter.

Sir Daniel C. Roberts, Grand Commander.

Sir George P. Cleaves, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1894.

The Grand Commander says:

I congratulate you upon the continuance of the well-being of our Order, and that uninterrupted concord and harmony prevail.

From Grand Recorder Bechtel's Report on Correspondence, we quote the conclusion:

In the foregoing pages we have endeavored to present the most interesting portions of the proceedings examined.

We are gratified at the almost unanimous acceptance of the Denver Ritual. We trust that those who now take exceptions to portions of it will in the near future fall into line and keep up with the procession, and then will we be spared the knowledge that different jurisdictions use different Rituals. We, of course, admit the right to criticism on the part of some of the acknowledged Ritualists (it is impossible for any Committee on Ritual to please everybody), but in these criticisms it does not appear to be necessary to question the good intentions of those who were instrumental in producing the present Ritual.

We also find a marked improvement in the writings of some Correspondents, who heretofore have thought it necessary to call each other bad men because they differed with them. Keep up the good work.

Sir James McCain, Grand Commander.

Sir Chares Bechtel, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1894.

Distinguished visitors were present:

Sir William B. Melish, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment, was received and welcomed by the R. E. Grand Commander, in some well chosen remarks, which were eloquently responded to by Sir Knight Melish.

Sir H. Wales Lines, Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment, was introduced and a cordial welcome extended by the R. E. Grand Commander.

From the Grand Commander's address we take the following favorable report:

The records for the year will, I believe, cause favorable comment, particularly when we consider the times of business depression, such as the entire country has and is now passing through. Notwithstanding these circumstances, by your earnest efforts our Order has increased in membership and influence, and unless our sister jurisdictions have been more than favored from these adverse conditions, we still occupy the proud position of first Templar jurisdiction in the world. I therefore, in extending to you a hearty and cordial greeting, ask you to accept my sincere and earnest thanks for your loyal assistance in the work. I congratulate you, one and all, and hope, with the signs of prosperity apparently before us, that the coming year will add lustre to the fame of our Order in this State.

We have just cause for congratulation when we learn from the completed reports in the possession of our Grand Recorder that the total membership in this Grand Jurisdiction is 10,420 vallant Knights—a record of which we may well feel proud. No less than eleven Commanderies have created twenty or more Knights, with Temple No. 2, of Albany, leading with fifty-one.

We notice in the proceedings, as in several others, that the Grand Commander's address and the Report on Necrology, to quite an extent, duplicate each other.

Sir Anthony makes his usual Report on Correspondence on the following plan:

The result of our labors will furnish, within a reasonable compass, all matters of interest gleaned from the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies which have been received by your committee. While there has been no remarkable increase in numbers, yet the growth has been healthy, and there comes from all jurisdictions the gratifying announcement of peace, harmony and good fellowship.

Our proceedings have kindly notice.

Sir James W. Bowden, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Macoy, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1894.

We are pleased to quote from the Grand Commander's address:

Viewed from every standpoint, I am most happy to report, as far as my knowledge extends, the satisfactory condition of the

Order in the State. No contention has arisen among us; no vexed question has come up to mar the peace and harmony which prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

The financial condition of the Grand Commandery is most gratifying, our treasury showing a comfortable balance in our favor. With our sister Grand Jurisdictions relations of the most cordial and fraternal nature exist, while I am glad to note pleasant and complimentary mention of us by some of their Correspondents.

The following is an excellent plan, in view of the fact that the Sir Knights are now without uniforms. As we have already said, the better plan is for the Commandery to furnish the uniforms, and so have them uniform, and make the charge a part of the admission fee:

It is a matter of regret that some Sir Knights have not provided themselves with uniforms. This, I am persuaded, has in various ways worked to the detriment of the Order. I would recommend that the Commanderies take the matter in hand and endeavor to secure from the manufacturers easy terms of payment for those Sir Knights who are peculiarly unable to pay at once for their full Templar outfit.

Brother John C. Chase makes the Report on Correspondence. It is carefully prepared and we hope he will continue in the work. We quote from his conclusion:

We have endeavored to fill the somewhat limited space at our disposal in such a way as would give our "home folks" an idea of what was being done in the Templar world, as outlined in the various proceedings. We have been somewhat sparing in comment, realizing fully our inexperience, and preferring to leave a margin for improvement on that line if it should again be our lot to serve on the Corps of Reviewers. We are fully aware of the imperfections of our work, but, such as it is, we send it forth, trusting that it will prove instructive and edifying for those for whom it was written, and meet with charitable consideration at the hands of our brothers of the quill.

And now can we only say, "May God be with you till we meet again," whether it be in the flesh, as we sincerely hope it may come to pass, or in the proceedings of another year, or in that last great Asylum towards which our steps are rapidly hastening.

Alphonso H. Cobb, Grand Commander.

Horace H. Munson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH DAKOTA—1894.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

It is under these pleasant circumstances that I make a report to you of my official acts as your Grand Commander for the past year. It is with great pleasure I can announce the continued prosperity and growth of our Order in this State. My term of office has not been marked with any extraordinary circumstances, but has passed evenly along with pleasure to myself and, apparently, to the Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction.

A dispensation was granted under peculiar circumstances for an unusual purpose:

June 14, to Auvergne Commandery No. 2, to escort and guard Shiloh Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M., at two business meetings held on the summit of the hill in Island Park, in the city of Fargo.

The Masonic brethren in that city had their Temple destroyed by the terrible fire of June 7, 1893. The Craft found it necessary for them to hold a business meeting, and in imitation of our ancient brethren, they went to the highest point on the hill in Island Park and opened a Lodge in short form, surrounded by a chain of Knights Templar guard, which formed the only walls of the Lodge room, and the canopy of heaven, with its thousands of brilliant lights, formed the ceiling. Hence the dispensation.

A Triennial Committee was appointed, the expenses to be met according to the following resolution:

That said committee be authorized to levy such an assessment upon the subordinate Commanderies as may be deemed necessary in the premises.

Sir Joseph Hare, Grand Commander.

Sir Frank J. Thompson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1894.

The usual reception, escort, parade and speeches preceded the regular proceedings:

As is customary, some time previous to the Conclave a cordial invitation, executed in the best style of the engravers' and

printers' art, was issued to all the Commanderies in the State by the Executive Committee appointed from the three Commanderies stationed at Cleveland, viz., Oriental No. 12, Holyrood No. 32 and Forest City No. 40.

The Commanderies stationed in the northern, eastern and middle portions of the State responded and were generally represented as organized bodies, and came on the day preceding the opening of the Conclave, accompanied by large numbers of ladies, sure of an enjoyable outing, which they fully realized.

The account closes as follows:

As tersely expressed by a Cleveland paper:

"Clevelanders will long remember the Knights Templar as the men who brought music and color to lighten the sombre background of the city's normal condition. She welcomed them joyously; she bade them farewell regretfully. The Knights enjoyed Cleveland, and Cleveland enjoyed the Knights."

The address of the Grand Commander shows a good condition and a gratifying growth of the Order.

The following meets our hearty approval:

I am pleased to report that, including the Commanderies which possessed a flag previous to the issuing of this circular, and those who have procured one since, forty of the fifty-three Commanderies composing this Grand Jurisdiction are now proud possessors of "Old Glory." That they will be defenders of it goes without saying, for true American Knights Templar could be nothing else.

In discussing qualifications for admission, we find the following, which has so often been expressed, but bears repetition:

Our Order is increasing in membership very rapidly, and it is not surprising if some who are admitted should not be. Hence we should exercise a close supervision over all applicants, remembering that the membership of Commanderies should be distinguished for its quality, not quantity. Guard well the portals of admission to our Order; elevate the standard of qualification. Remember, Sir Knights, that we want none but noble men in this high Order of Masonry; none but those exhibiting a Christian sentiment. Never admit an irreligious man. I do not mean that the applicant must be a member of any denomination or sect in the Christian church, but that he should in all his actions be governed by Christian principles and high-souled honor. Let us remember that to be a true Knight Templar is to be a gentleman, most emphatically.

Sir Knights, preserve the reputation of our beloved Order unsullied; admit none to its high privileges but the noble, the good and the true. Then it will become an element of progress in society.

In reviewing Colorado, Brother Carson, in his Report on Correspondence, quotes a part of what we said about the Ritual in 1893, and then propounds to us the following question:

Brother Orahood. was not all that was done at Denver simply an amendment of the National Ritual which had been adopted at St. Louis? We had no authorized National Ritual—at least none such was recognized by the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commanderies—until the National was adopted at St. Louis. Wasn't that really the beginning of the authorized Ritual? As we have said in our former writings, the constitution of the United States was adopted in 1789; what has been added to it since are simply amendments of that old constitution; the original dates to 1789.

Yes, Brother Carson; but it reminds us of some Colorado legislation relating to the City of Denver. We have a Special Charter, granted before the adoption of our State Constitution. The whole charter has been remodeled—in fact, a new charter made, with the old title, under the name of an amendment.

He devotes some pages to the National Ritual. We have heretofore said all we wish to say about this question, with this further remark: We do not wish, personally, to have any controversy or feeling about it, and dismiss the subject with a quotation of his opening paragraph:

In our report for 1893 we gave a brief history of the adoption of the National Templar Ritual and a critical review of the same as amended at Denver. We had hoped that some of the reviewers would have something to say in approving or controverting the particular points we made. We are disappointed. A few of them gently acquiesce in the truth of our history, that the National Ritual originated and was adopted at St. Louis; that it was simply amended at Denver. None of them, however, have ventured to controvert our criticism upon the ceremonial itself.

We are willing to give Brother Carson all the honor he claims for the adoption of a National Ritual:

If there is any one act in connection with our life as a Knight Templar in which we take most pride, it is in the fact that we were so thoroughly and personally identified with the adoption of the National Templar Ritual at St. Louis. We regard that achievement as the grandest move that was ever made in the way of establishing the Masonic Order of the Temple as a

National body in our great republic. Long may the Ritual of our Order continue to be spelled with a big N, in humble but patriotic imitation of the way in which our dear "Uncle Sam" thunders his pronouncements to the world with a big N.

Excuse me, dear Knights and Brothers; I may be, possibly I am, claiming too much when I name myself as one of the principal factors in producing this great result. I said that Ritual had come to stay. It did stay, it is staying, and long may it continue to stay.

Sir John A. Warner, Grand Commander.

Sir John N. Bell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON—1894.

Grand Commander Hodson, in his address, says:

The great break in the general business prosperity of our country, with which we are all familiar, has to a great extent hindered any large increase in our membership; but so far as I have been informed, the additions made have been from the very best material and of the most substantial character. The harmony and good fellowship prevailing among the fraters of this Grand Jurisdiction have been without the slightest interruption. Official reports will show a fair degree of prosperity, and I consider it a matter of congratulation that, notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions prevailing the past year, we have been able not only to fully maintain our standing, but succeeded in making a slight advance.

V. E. Reuben H. Lloyd, Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, made an official visitation, and was properly received and addressed the Grand Commandery.

Grand Commander Hodson makes the Report on Correspondence. In commencing he says:

The material from which to construct an interesting report is not so plentiful as in some former years, as all the "burning questions" seem to have cooled off. No Grand Jurisdictions out of harmony, the National Ritual is generally satisfactory, and there will probably be fewer exciting questions to come before the Triennial in 1895 than at any Conclave for many years.

He makes an excellent report. And this from his conclusion:

And now the end cometh. In our review we have visited all the jurisdictions of the United States. We have endeavored to cull the most interesting and instructive portions from the doings of our fraters for your pleasure and edification. We rejoice to mention that the most perfect harmony exists throughout the Templar world. Not a discordant note in its music, and while the increase in membership has not been so great as in some former years, yet a fair degree of prosperity has attended our noble Order, and the high promises for the future are only limited by the bounds of the possible.

Sir Philip S. Malcolm, Grand Commander.

Sir James F. Robinson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1894.

The proceedings commenced with a grand parade and review. Then followed an address of welcome by the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, where the Conclave was held, and a response by the Deputy Grand Commander.

The Deputy Grand Commander presided. We give the circular announcing the sad news of the death of the Grand Commander:

IN MEMORIAM.

CHARLES C. BAER.

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER OF THE GRAND
COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

DIED AT ALLEGHENY CITY, PENNA., MARCH 28, 1894.


To All Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction:

Fraters—With awe and sorrow we announce the death, this morning, at his home in Allegheny City, of Right Eminent Sir Charles C. Baer, Right Eminent Grand Commander, whose critical illness has for some time inspired our supplications to Divine Grace in his behalf, and to whom we were all attached by Templar fealty and personal love.

For several days our Grand Commander grew more and more weak, the life-light finally flickering in unconsciousness, until the morning came to him, and night to her who gave him the tenderest ministrations, and to us.

For the first time in the history of our Order in Pennsylvania, the shadow of such a loss has fallen upon our ranks. May we emerge from it with chastened spirits and increased devotion to Christian duty!

Our Grand Commander was in the prime of a noble life and the meridian of Templar station, cherishing fond and lofty hopes respecting the assembling of our Order in Pittsburgh (the city of his nativity and business life) in May next, and his part therein; yet to the summons to rest from labor he bowed, "Thy will be done," without murmur and in Christian peace and trust.



A full account of the funeral, at which there was a very large attendance, is given by the Acting Grand Commander. Of the condition of the Order he says:

Notwithstanding the distressing condition of the times, there has been a fair measure of prosperity with most of our subordinate Commanderies, and general harmony and fraternal regard prevailed throughout this jurisdiction.

Brother Lee S. Smith, P. G. C., makes the Report on Correspondence. The following explains the plan of the work, and it is well done:

For our part, believing that there is no better place for storing and preserving words of wisdom and advice which may tend to the improvement and upbuilding of our noble Order than in the printed proceedings of the Grand Commandery, we have selected such as to our mind seemed to be worthy, and we do so with thanks to the originators and no apologies to the fraternity.

It is a privilege accorded to but few to be permitted to peruse the proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies, and for that reason, if for no other, we deem it eminently proper to preserve these gems in our own archives, and spread them before the members of our Grand Commandery, thus bringing them into closer touch with the leading minds of the great army of Knights Templar throughout the world.

Colorado proceedings for 1893 receive full and complimentary notice. Thanks for kind words for this committee, personally.

There is much through the report that we wish we could quote, but our space will not allow. We quote from his conclusion:

And now our work is done, and while it has been arduous, it has been a pleasant one. While striving to give honest opinions on the subjects discussed and acted upon by the various Grand Commanderies, we have striven to do so in the most Knightly and courteous manner, seeking always to avoid anything in thought or word which might hurt or give offense to any one.

"With charity to all and malice toward none," we submit our report, accompanied with an earnest prayer for the peace and prosperity of our noble Order, and that our All-Wise God will bless it and make it a power for good and a benefactor to mankind.

Sir Irving P. Wanger, Grand Commander.

Sir Mont. H. Smith, re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1894.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The Commanderies of South Dakota are, to the best of my knowledge, generally in a prosperous condition, and harmony prevails throughout our jurisdiction. The past year has been one of prosperity to our Order.

And the following:

Since the new Ritual was promulgated, and during the past few months, I have visited every Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction, and find that the subordinate Commanderies, with one or two exceptions, are in a thriving condition.

Brother Stites, P. G. C., makes an excellent Report on Correspondence. The following is from his opening:

It will be seen that Templar Masonry is growing every year in membership, and there never was such a reign of peace and prosperity as now exists. The Ritual question having been settled, we can now devote our time to the upbuilding of our magnificent Order. We do not expect that our work will in all respects prove satisfactory, but indulge ourselves in the anticipation of the reward of a duty fully performed to the best of our abilities. We have endeavored to give a review of the con-

dition of Templar Masonry, and what we have selected from the printed proceedings of sister jurisdictions will pay your perusal.

And this from his closing:

We gather from the reports the glad tidings of peace, prosperity and harmony. May the same long continue, and may the vallant and magnanimous Knights Templar everywhere be loyal to themselves, their country and the Great Captain of their salvation, and ever hoping that they will always fully realize the responsibilities resting upon them in pursuing unsullied and untarnished the honor and reputation of our noble Order.

The legislation and proceedings of the Grand Encampment at its Triennial Conclave, held at Denver in 1892, appear to meet with general favor. The adoption of a Ritual to become universal throughout all jurisdictions, we think, will prove satisfactory to all, and we hope that the question of Ritual is forever settled.

Sir William J. McMakin, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Holt, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1894.

The report of the proceedings commences as follows:

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the appendant Orders of the State of Tennessee held its Thirty-second Annual Conclave at Lookout Inn, on Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, May 9 and 10, A. D. 1894. At 10 o'clock a. m., May 9, the Knights in attendance, together with ladies and such of the public as were interested, assembled in the large dining hall of the hotel, and religious services were held, conducted by Sir Jonathan W. Bachman, P. G. P., who conducted the services and delivered a sermon in the absence of Sir William M. Pettis, Grand Prelate, who was prevented from attendance by illness.

Grand Recorder Foster, in his report, very aptly says:

But it may be well to urge upon every Knight the importance of being aroused to renewed and more earnest interest in the affairs of the Order in this State. Every one must do something; there must be no indolent reliance upon somebody else to attend to things. Weak Commanderies must be encouraged, assisted and strengthened. Strong Commanderies, by their activity, zeal and usefulness, must furnish examples for others to emulate. But especially is it the duty of each of us to give active aid and

support to the Lodges and Chapters, whence come all our recruits. If we act thus unitedly and earnestly, the impetus we have gained will not be lost.

We give the report of the Memorial Committee on the death of Brother Connor:

Since our last Annual Conclave this Grand Commandery has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of our Past Grand Commander, Grand Recorder and beloved brother, Sir Knight George Cooper Connor.

One has passed out of the lines to answer the Grand Captain General's call to the beautiful Asylum above, who held more than an ordinary place in our Conclaves and our affections. Great men rise and pass away, and others take their places; but who shall take Brother Connor's place is yet an unanswered question.

There was not an interest of Masonry where his worth and influence was not felt and appreciated. In the Masonic bodies of his own city of Chattanooga he was the leading spirit; in the Grand bodies of the State and Nation his presence and influence was supreme. Loved by his friends with an untiring devotion, and respected by his enemies for the manliness of his opposition; endowed with an intellect superior to most men, his opinions were respected alike by friend and foe.

Within this Grand Commandery will he be most keenly missed. In its Conclaves he was the peer of all surrounding, and the personification of Templar law and usage. Even in the councils of the Grand Encampment of the United States he was the oracle consulted by all.

It is an endless task to estimate the loss Masonry has sustained in the death of Brother Connor; but as an humble testimonial of the worth and esteem in which he was held by this Grand Commandery, we recommend that a page of our records be set apart to his memory, and that this report be inscribed thereon, and a copy sent to his bereaved family.

A Grand Conclave of Sorrow was held, and the proceedings and addresses are reported in full.

Grand Recorder Foster makes an excellent Report on Correspondence. Our proceedings for 1893 receive kindly notice.

Sir Charles H. Eastman, Grand Commander.

Sir Wilbur F. Foster, Grand Recorder.

TEXAS—1894.

The Conclave was held at Austin. There was an address of welcome by the Mayor, and response by the Grand Commander. The eloquent address of the Grand Prelate at the opening is given in full.

Past Grand Commander Stoddard, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, was present and made an address.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

It is a source of congratulation that by the zeal, activity and loyal devotion of our fraters, the Order has increased in numbers, financial strength and influence for good, until it may be truly said that we come, not as the chivalrous Knights of the olden time, panoplied for war, to redeem from desecration the sepulcher of our Saviour, but as Christian Knights, with banners furled, bugles sounding a truce, and the iron bolts of war put aside for the golden cestus of peace; and the earth, instead of being stained with human blood, is clothed with beauty, and the denizens thereof with the beneficent and manifold blessings of charity.

The Committee on Grand Officers makes the following a part of their report:

We commend the cautious action of the Grand Commander in regard to questions submitted to him, and arising out of the change of Ritual, and we join with him in congratulating the Sir Knights, not only of this state, but of the whole country, in having a uniform Ritual throughout the United States; one, too, which we believe will be acceptable to all, and which, when learned, and the various jurisdictions have become used to, will be conceded to be an improvement on any heretofore in use.

We notice the statistics of the subordinate Com-manderies give the names of the members in a confused, jumbled mass. For reference, and that is their only use, it would be a great improvement to put the names in columns in the usual form. Sir Knight Elgin again makes the Report on Correspondence. Our proceedings are quite fully reviewed with general approval. From his conclusion we take the following interesting statistical information:

Having gone over the foregoing proceedings, the fact of the universal growth and expansion of the Order is one of its most striking features. With the exception of Louisiana, every State shows an increase in membership, and in most instances in the number of subordinates. But the latest statistics exhibit some changes in the relative positions of the larger Grand Commanderies. Last year Pennsylvania was the leading Grand Commandery in membership, with Massachusetts and Rhode Island and New York close followers. This year New York goes from third to first place. With a membership of 10,018, she has the proud distinction of being the largest Templar body in the world. Massachusetts and Rhode Island are second, with 9,911, and Pennsylvania with 9,628 takes third place. Then follows: Illinois, fourth, with 8,881; Ohio, fifth, 7,376, and Michigan, sixth, 5,000. The largest percentage of growth is in the West. Wyoming shows 29 per cent; Washington, 18; Kansas, 15; Nevada, 13; Texas, 12.7, and Oregon, 12.5. Kansas turns California down and takes the tenth place.

Sir E. J. Fry, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Brewster, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1894.

The Grand Commander, in his address, gives an interesting account of the early days of Masonry in the State, and then says:

The three Commanderies have since increased in number to ten, under the favoring skies of intelligence and rational liberty, and the seemingly poor heritage of barely four score Knights has become the magnificent possession of more than thirteen hundred others, pledged by the same solemn vows to wield the symbolic sword by the side of clear-hearted Right, in the practice of "iron-handed Duty's sternest creed."

Like some other Grand Commanders, he runs general orders, letters and other distinct things all together in his address, making it difficult to read or separate.

Sir H. Wales Lines, Representative of the Grand Master, was unable to be present. He writes them a very courteous letter.

Sir Kittridge Haskins, P. G. C., makes an interesting Report on Correspondence. We quote a paragraph from his conclusion:

And now, in making our parting bow, we say, as we did at the beginning, that this is our first effort as a reviewer, but we have endeavored to supply our fraters with some little information as to what is being done in our sister Grand Jurisdictions. We know it is an imperfect work, but is the best we could do in the short time we had to devote to it.

Sir Marsh O. Perkins, re-elected Grand Commander.

Sir Warren G. Reynolds, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1894.

The Grand Commander reports:

Little has occurred throughout the Templar year, save routine work; consequently the administration of the duties of Grand Commander have not been heavy. The condition of the Order is a subject on which I desire to congratulate you, for prosperity and harmony prevail in all our Commanderies except two, Nos. 3 and 12, who have failed to submit reports for the past four years. The membership of most of the Commanderies has increased, and since the new Ritual has come into use there seems to be a desire on the part of the Sir Knights to acquire the work and be ready to fill any position they may be called upon to fill by their fraters.

The usual routine business received attention, including the affairs of the Masonic Home.

Sir J. Parke Corbin, Grand Commander.

Sir William B. Isaacs, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Since writing the above, we have received the sad intelligence of the death of

WILLIAM BRYAN ISAACS.

He died at Richmond, Va., June 6, 1895. At the time of his death he was Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Virginia; also,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Chapter of the same State. Our information comes through the press dispatches; the official announcement has not yet been received. The loss of our eminent frater is mourned by all Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

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WASHINGTON—1894.

Grand Commander Wilson opens his address as follows:

Once more the cycle of time has rolled around, and we meet again in the magic Cataract City in Annual Conclave, to deliberate upon the past and to legislate for the future. Hands are clasped in the warmth of fraternal greeting, and friendships formed under the banner of the Cross are renewed. Cares of the past year of depression and panic are forgotten for the nonce in the charm of Knightly companionship and intercourse, and the hearty welcome of that magnificent Commandery whose guests we are. Since our last Conclave the business world has been shaken from center to circumference by failures and misfortunes; the industries and enterprises of our State have been paralyzed, and the giant Distrust has stalked through our land, inoculating all with whom he came in contact. This condition of affairs has affected to a degree the work and growth of most of our subordinates, though some have prospered and flourished in a manner entitling them to the greatest praise for the zeal and enthusiasm which has risen superior to all surroundings. As we glance back and consider the trials and vicissitudes through which we have passed, comparing them with the sufferings and privations endured in other and less favored jurisdictions, let us render thanks to the great Captain of our Salvation that our lots have been cast in a land where actual want is unknown.

The following was adopted as a part of the Statutes:

"No Commandery shall upon any pretence whatever, or at any time, elect a candidate or confer the Order of Knighthood on credit, but shall in all cases require the fees for the orders to accompany the petition, and shall require each Knight created therein to be uniformed, provision for which shall be made in its by-laws, and the amount so specified shall be paid into the hands of the Recorder previous to his receiving the Order of the Temple."

The Report on Correspondence is made by Grand Recorder Blalock. Colorado receives complimentary notice.

He makes a good, readable report. We give his conclusion:

We have done, and wish our fraters could be entertained and instructed as we have been while reading the proceedings reviewed. We have made few comments, as we are not hunting a "row." It is possible as we grow older we may get quarrelsome; we hope not. To those with whom we have differed in opinion we expect the charity that should be extended from one Templar to another. May the Great Captain of our Salvation be with you and bless you.

Sir George N. Alexander, Grand Commander.
Sir Yancey C. Blalock, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA—1894.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

Another year in the history of this Grand Commandery has about reached its close, and it affords me great pleasure to extend to each and all of you a Knightly greeting and a most hearty welcome to this, our Twentieth Annual Conclave. You are gathered here from all portions of our little Mountain State. You have come out of the love you bear the Order, with a true zeal for its prosperity and welfare. Therefore, may all that you do be done with an eye of singleness to its glory.

It is with much pride that I point to the fact that every Commandery in this jurisdiction has received during the present year official visitation, and the reports will show that Templarism in West Virginia is in a most gratifying condition. Most all the Commanderies show a healthy growth—not, perhaps, so much in numbers as in enthusiastic Masons who love the Order and have taken up the sword to push forward the work with renewed vigor.

We heartily concur in the following:

I cannot close this report without expressing the debt of gratitude this Grand Commandery owes to Sir O. S. Long for the valuable services rendered in his report on foreign correspondence, valuable not only for its interesting and instructive reading, but for the close relationship in which it brings this Grand Commandery with other Grand Commanderies throughout the country.

A special committee made a report, which was adopted, recommending a plan intended to prevent waste of time in voting for officers of the Grand Commandery. While it is new to us in the Order, the plan is really a common one in conventions; only there the usual practice is to drop the lowest candidate each ballot, which might necessitate a greater number of ballots than the plan here adopted:

Several plans have been considered and rejected, the details of which need not be here set forth. But as an experiment in the direction of reform and improvement, the committee has concluded to recommend the adoption of a regulation to the following effect:

Nominations may be made for any office by simply naming the candidate, without further remark. If two unsuccessful ballots have been had, upon the third ballot for the election of any officer of this Grand Commandery only the votes cast for the two candidates who received the largest number of votes upon the second ballot shall be counted, and he who receives the largest vote upon the third ballot shall be duly elected thereby.

It is respectfully suggested in support of this plan that two ballots without a majority are certainly enough to indicate the drift of opinion and to enable any cautious diplomat to form a reasonable guess as to the direction in which the cat will jump, and so indicate to all who may be on the fence the side on which they should at once alight. At the same time, two unsuccessful ballots ought to be enough to convince the supporters of any "favorite son" of his particular Commandery that he will have to wait and bide his time until he can command a larger vote upon the first and second ballots.

Brother Long again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is full and complete; our own proceedings receiving complimentary notice.

Sir W. W. Van Winkle, Grand Commander.

Sir R. C. Dunnington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1894.

Of the condition of the Order, the Grand Commander says:

The condition of the Order in this state is highly favorable, taking into consideration the fact that we have, as yet, hardly been in possession of the new Ritual sufficiently long to enable

the Commanderies to reach that stage of perfection that may, from henceforth, be expected. The reports as to proficiency in tactics show an improvement, but are far from being all they should be.

A full account is given of the reunion held October 10, 1893:

It should be stated that this date was chosen to do honor to the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of Wisconsin, which was to hold its Semi-Centennial Anniversary at that time.

The Templar parade on Wednesday was without question the finest demonstration of the Knightly Order ever made in Wisconsin. There were in line seventeen Commanderies, with an aggregate of over six hundred Sir Knights, fully equipped and in excellent marching form, the drilling which had been done preparatory to this event materially improving this feature of the parade.

And the close was a blaze of glory:

The grand ball on Friday evening was a fitting finale to the Conclave week. Notwithstanding the fact that many members of the Order had felt compelled to go home, there were four hundred Sir Knights, equipped in the handsome uniform of the Order, who participated in the opening march. This glittering pageant, supplemented by the beauty of the ladies in their rich and attractive costumes, made a scene long to be remembered by those who were permitted to witness it.

Brother Swain makes the Report on Correspondence. Many reports are missing, Colorado among the number. He says this is accounted for by a change of time of holding the Conclave, so we accept the explanation.

Sir Eugene F. Elliott, Grand Commander.

Sir John W. Laffin, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WYOMING—1894.

The Grand Commander makes a very favorable report:

You are to be congratulated upon the fact that harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction; and further, that our relations with all other Grand Commanderies are pleasant and fraternal. We are gratified to note the numerous expressions of

good will and cordial feeling from other Grand Commanderies. The fraters who thus honor us are assured that these gracious acts are appreciated.

The reports of the different Commanderies show a marked increase in numbers and financial strength. The reports of the Grand officers indicate that the affairs of the Grand Commandery are in a prosperous condition; the Grand Commandery has no indebtedness and there is a balance in the treasury. On every hand we see the flattering results of your energy, activity and zealous devotion to the Order.

The following recommendation is in line with what we have said on the subject in this report, and is a good suggestion.

I would suggest that the provisions of the law with reference to standing committees be so amended as to provide for the appointment of a Committee on Necrology. It should further provide that when a death occurs in any Commandery it shall be the duty of the Eminent Commander to procure the Masonic record of the deceased frater, together with such other information as may be deemed important, and forward the same at once to the Grand Recorder or to the Chairman of the committee. The law should specify whether this requirement shall apply to all members or only to officers and members of this Grand Commandery. The report presented annually by such a committee will be an important feature of our records, bringing to our memories recollections of our departed fraters, and perpetuating their names upon the pages of the history of this Grand Commandery.

A short Report on Correspondence is made by P. G. C. Baird.

We quote the following and accept with thanks the explanation so gracefully given:

Sir Orabood finds fault most justly for the act of Wyoming in printing the reports of 1891 and 1892 together, and says he doesn't know why it was done. Well, brother, we are informed that it was because there were no reports on correspondence, and one year's proceedings looked too thin to stand alone. It may not occur again.

From his opening we feel sure there will be no further cause for complaint, and we join in the welcome and kindly expressions. We feel a deep interest in the welfare of our next door neighbor:

For the past three years there has been no report made to this Grand Commandery on foreign correspondence. Our own members have made complaint of this omission, while the entire corps of the "Mutuals" has wondered why this pleasant and instructive department had been neglected. Upon retiring from the

post of Grand Commander we urged upon our successor the importance of having the position of Correspondent filled hereafter, and of appointing some one who would present a report. Well, he not only builded better than we knew, but named one who could not very consistently decline—and here we are. He would be a queer man, indeed, who could lightly regard the warmth of welcome extended us upon our re-entrance to the corps reportorial. We deeply appreciate the kindness shown us, and desire to thank all the Correspondents for their kindly expressions.

Sir William Daley, Grand Commander.

Sir John C. Baird, Grand Recorder.

STATISTICS.

GENERAL TABLE.

PREPARED BY SIR KNIGHT BERRY, MAINE.

GRAND COMMANDERIES	Subordinates	Members	Knighted	Affiliated	Re-instated	Dimitted	Suspended and Dropped	Expelled	Deceased	Our Last Report
Alabama, May 9, 1894	10	368	34	4	1	7	18	3	10	357
Arkansas, April 17, 1894	11	497	48	4	3	2	12	1	10	494
California, April 19, 1894	33	2819	123	35	15	38	40	0	53	2790
Colorado, June 6, 1893	22	1583	212	51	5	56	9	1	15	1583
Connecticut, March 20, 1894	11	2099	105	6	1	9	1	0	29	2029
Georgia, May 9, 1894	10	647	70	11	4	28	1	0	19	597
Illinois, Oct. 21, 1893	61	8841	588	94	31	201	105	3	108	8523
Indiana, April 18, 1894	36	3309	194	33	9	96	44	1	51	3255
Iowa, July 12, 1893	54	4202	283	64	4	118	35	4	42	4049
Kansas, May 9, 1893	34	2938	428	149	5	135	32	0	25	2938
Kentucky, May 16, 1894	25	1869	113	12	5	90	28	0	24	1821
Louisiana, Feb. 16, 1894	3	293	19	4	0	1	4	0	9	280
Maine, May 3, 1894	19	2756	150	21	2	16	2	0	32	2645
Maryland, Nov. 28, 1893	8	156	76	3	5	16	15	0	10	620
Mass. & R. I., Oct. 26, 1893	44	9911	654	45	5	116	86	2	176	9589
Michigan, May 15, 1894	41	5098	278	89	12	121	62	4	58	5000
Minnesota, June 25, 1894	25	2250	140	84	5	52	52	0	37	2243
Mississippi, Feb. 13, 1894	11	87	48	2	3	10	31	0	9	360
Missouri, April 24, 1894	53	4003	217	61	16	89	59	0	41	3929
Montana, Oct. 10, 1893	8	334	19	5	1	6	10	1	2	332
Nebraska, April 3, 1894	23	1656	134	21	7	46	24	1	15	1580
New Hamp., Sept. 26, 1893	10	1821	117	5	0	7	8	1	25	1740
New Jersey, May 8, 1894	16	1655	81	10	0	28	20	0	20	1628
New York, Sept. 12, 1893	57	10,018	846	51	81	109	138	4	166	9416
N. Carolina, May 8, 1894	12	339	20	3	0	6	1	1	4	285
N. Dakota, June 15, 1894	7	365	31	1	1	16	0	0	3	229
Ohio, Oct. 10, 1893	52	7376	464	60	37	112	109	8	90	7184
Oregon, Oct. 12, 1893	6	368	35	6	0	30	0	0	2	327
Pennsylvania, May 23, 1893	71	9628	712	150	0	175	135	1	147	9532
S. Dakota, June 19, 1893	9	690	87	20	4	27	6	0	6	680
Tennessee, May 9, 1894	16	1094	61	17	2	25	23	2	15	1096
Texas, April 4, 1894	31	1975	180	27	7	70	43	1	20	1941
Vermont, June 12, 1894	10	1323	70	3	1	15	3	0	15	1281
Virginia, Oct. 12, 1893	19	1251	120	13	1	64	14	0	13	1247
Washington, June 9, 1893	9	509	57	39	0	6	1	0	6	509
W. Virginia, May 9, 1894	10	736	49	10	2	10	12	0	14	701
Wisconsin, June 11, 1894	26	2724	147	26	27	87	4	0	28	2487
Wyoming, May 9, 1894	5	221	30	0	0	3	2	0	2	198
G. En. Subordinates, 1892	30	2653	330	38	18	49	38	0	56	2653
Total in United States, 1894	946	101,592	7410	1176	320	2016	1233	39	1407	98,376
Canada, July 18, 1893	31	1116	106	21	5	29	20	0	20	1053
Eng. and Wales, May, 1893	104	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3000
Ireland, 1894	41	1300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1300
Scotland, 1894	10	450	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450
Victoria, Australia, 1889	4	80	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80
Total in World, 1894	1196	107,538	7517	1197	325	2015	1253	39	1427	104,259

COMPARISON TABLE.

COMPILED BY SIR JESSE B. ANTHONY, NEW YORK.

GRAND COMMANDERY	Standing according to membership	Sub-Commanderies			Percentage of work for past year	Percentage of net gain for past year	Proportion of Knights Templar to Master Masons. One to—	Percentage of Knights Templar to R. A. Masons	Field Standing
		Maximum	Minimum	Average					
Alabama	32	104	13	37	.09.80	.03.08	30.89	34.	10
Arkansas	30	113	23	39	.11.97	.07.28	31.42	23.	6
Arizona	39	54	22	37	.....	.....	4.64	68.	36
California	11	294	23	85	.04.10	.01.22	6.03	56.	38
Colorado	21	452	27	77	.04.17	.02.71	4.08	67.	38
Connecticut	15	450	46	191	.05.18	.08.65	7.65	43.	35
Georgia	28	173	23	65	.11.72	.08.35	25.75	21.	20
Illinois	4	750	29	143	.06.84	.03.44	5.42	51.	27
Indiana	9	163	36	92	.05.96	.01.66	7.94	55.	27
Iowa	7	226	26	78	.07.00	.08.75	5.64	61.	19
Kansas	10	250	25	74	.09.45	.04.96	6.37	66.	12
Kentucky	17	309	14	75	.06.20	.02.63	9.49	61.	20
Louisiana	37	145	49	97	.06.69	.03.16	16.40	38.	23
Maine	12	351	16	146	.06.68	.04.43	7.79	53.	29
Maryland	25	256	24	119	.08.26	.03.91	6.69	63.	15
Massachusetts and R. Island	2	729	57	225	.06.82	.03.35	4.05	66.	21
Michigan	6	369	47	116	.05.54	.01.65	6.95	50.	31
Minnesota	14	531	11	91	.06.24	.01.69	6.14	52.	25
Mississippi	31	61	12	35	.12.50	.....	22.44	28.	5
Missouri	8	317	25	69	.05.52	.02.67	7.44	64.	32
Montana	34	94	16	44	.05.40	.....	7.00	57.	34
Nebraska	19	197	16	72	.08.34	.03.73	6.62	59.	14
New Hampshire	18	283	110	182	.06.73	.04.65	4.79	60.	2
New Jersey	20	229	49	103	.05.04	.01.78	9.04	54.	96
New York	1	485	32	176	.09.41	.06.38	8.31	54.	13
North Carolina	36	51	14	28	.07.00	.04.00	31.91	46.	19
North Dakota	35	109	25	50	.35.88	.16.34	5.60	56.	1
Ohio	5	418	47	141	.06.50	.03.39	5.17	56.	24
Oregon	33	157	19	62	10.73	.12.85	12.03	30.	8
Pennsylvania	3	589	21	135	.07.72	.04.38	4.77	61.	16
South Dakota	26	181	17	75	.19.00	.15.44	5.20	53.	2
Tennessee	24	156	13	73	.05.58	.....	16.29	44.	90
Texas	16	158	23	64	.09.50	.04.22	12.35	38.	11
Vermont	22	198	67	132	.05.45	.03.12	7.11	52.	83
Virginia	23	175	27	60	.09.88	.03.13	9.59	54.	9
Washington	29	104	23	63	.13.77	.22.94	9.50	49.	4
West Virginia	27	128	28	72	.05.70	.03.56	6.55	70.	28
Wisconsin	13	243	28	104	.07.17	.08.25	5.58	50.	17
Wyoming	38	72	16	44	.15.15	.11.61	4.00	.....	3

STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1891	1892	1893	1894
Grand Encampment.....	1	1	1	1
Grand Commanderies.....	38	38	38	39
Number of Subordinates.....	869	902	930	954
Knights.....	5,513	7,574	8,226	8,915
Affiliated.....	890	1,201	1,377	1,029
Reinstated.....	223	308	282	278
Died.....	1,054	1,148	1,285	1,368
Dimitted.....	1,410	1,869	2,024	1,915
Dropped and non-payment of dues.....	991	1,201	1,310	1,214
Expelled.....	41	65	47	57
Membership.....	86,898	92,631	97,765	101,675

All the jurisdictions in this country show an increase, with the exception of Tennessee. The total gain in the United States is 3,216, equal to 3.14 per cent., against 5,555 last year, which was equal to nearly 6 per cent. In such trying times this may be considered very satisfactory.

COMPARISON OF NORTH AMERICAN STATISTICS.

Date	Templars	Royal Arch	Master Masons	Percentage of Templars to Master Masons
1870.....	25,844	96,275	483,535	5
1880.....	50,681	127,025	573,317	8.34
1890.....	84,923	157,898	651,028	13
1891.....	88,094	165,193	673,643	13.077
1892.....	98,874	174,232	695,193	13.5
1893.....	99,429	184,430	722,738	13.757
1894.....	102,708	-----	746,292	13.762

This comparison shows that the Commandery has just held its own in comparison with the Lodge for the year past.

In the reports made to the Grand Bodies meeting in 1893, New York assumes the first place in numerical strength, with 10,018 members, having risen from third to first place, passing both Pennsylvania and Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is second, with 9,911; Pennsylvania third, 9,628; Illinois fourth,

8,881; Ohio fifth, 7,376; Michigan sixth, 5,000; Iowa seventh, 4,402; Missouri eighth, 3,929; Indiana ninth, 3,255; Kansas tenth, with 2,938, having passed California, which is now eleventh with 2,790.

No Grand Commandery reports a loss, though a comparison of Louisiana totals makes the aggregate four less than the previous year. New York shows the largest gain, 601; Kansas reports the phenomenal comparative gain of 390.

Of the subordinates, St. Bernard, of Chicago, is the largest with 750 members, and Boston, of Boston, for many years the largest, is now second with 729; Apollo, of Chicago, third, 636, and Chicago, of Chicago, fourth, 594; St. John, of Philadelphia, fifth, 589, and Mary, of same city, sixth, with 584.

CONCLUSION.

And now we submit this, our fifteenth annual report, for your consideration. While it is not long, it represents a large amount of time and work devoted to its preparation.

Our object has been to prepare a report that will interest and instruct our own members and show them at a glance the principal facts, acts and doings in the Templar world during the past year.

It seems to us as each year passes that it is more difficult to prepare a readable report. The questions which have been of vital interest and have been discussed vigorously, and sometimes with not the best of temper, have been decided and disposed of, more or less satisfactorily. There does not seem to be the amount of material to work on that the earlier reporters had to consider. This idea has been expressed in several of the reports we have reviewed, and we notice generally it comes from the older reporters.

It may be, however, that this is more apparent than real. Each year the same old troubles and questions, although it may be in varied form, come to the new officers, and to them and the members who have not read the reports they are of the same interest that they were to others years ago. So we have given some quotations and commented on some decisions and actions which might seem to be settled, but which we think should be given to show the history of the Order for the year.

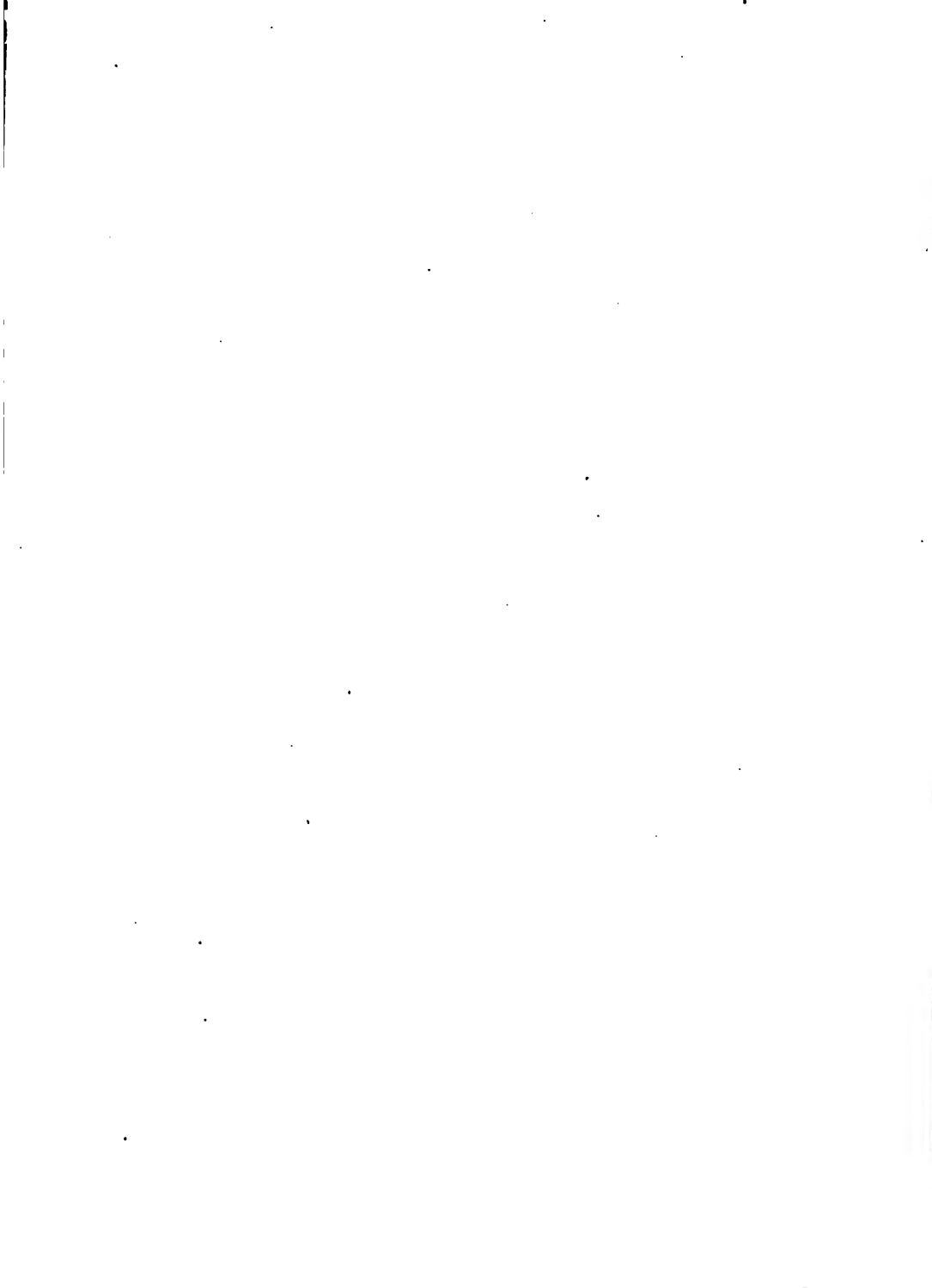
It will be noticed that while the reports show the Order everywhere to be in good condition, there is an almost universal complaint of financial trouble and depression, and that the growth of our Commanderies, and Chapters and Lodges, too, have been materially affected thereby. Let us hope that the worst has passed, and that the present year will show a more favorable condition of affairs.

We notice a general interest in the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, to be held in Boston, in August next. Elaborate preparations are being made by our fraters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and we have no doubt the occasion will be memorable in the history of the Order. We hope to meet many of our co-workers at that time.

And now, with best wishes to one and all for peace, prosperity and happiness, we close our report with: God bless you.

Courteously submitted,

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
Chairman.



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Eugene P. Shove (8), V. E. D. G. C.	Gunnison
George J. Dunbaugh (3), E. G. G.	Pueblo
John M. Maxwell (5), E. G. C. G.	Leadville

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

Henry M. Teller (2)	Central City
Webster D. Anthony (1)	Denver
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Harper M. Orahood (25)	Denver
James M. Strickler (1)	Denver
Michael Spangler (25)	Denver
Michael H. Fitch (3)	Pueblo
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Horace N. Banks (3)	Pueblo
Aaron Gove (25)	Denver
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George Wyman (25)	Denver
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Alphonse A. Burnand (5)	Leadville
Albert B. McGaffey (1)	Denver
William D. Todd (25)	Denver

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William Fullerton (25)	Denver
Albert H. Branch (5)	Denver
Samuel H. Thompson (11)	Durango

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO.

Charles H. Jacobson (4)	Denver
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PAST GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

Mortimer J. Lawrence (1)	Cleveland, Ohio
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Newton D. Owen.
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Richard Harvey.
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Thomas Thompson.
Frank M. Dunbaugh.

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Walter G. Adams.
Jonathan B. Kilbourn.

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John F. Phillips.
Warren M. Fletcher.
Fredrick A. Johnson.
Thomas Bennett.

Thomas Cornish.
Geo. H. Barrett.
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Wm. E. Barton.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS No. 5, LEADVILLE.

Lysander B. Wheat.
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Frank H. Officer.
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Lewis C. Skinner.
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Charles L. Spencer, Denver.
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GUNNISON No. 8, GUNNISON.

James S. Lawrence.

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George W. Roe, Pueblo.
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Ed. C. Parmelee.

Charles H. Wood.

Ernest LeNeve Foster.

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DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

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Chas. J. McIntosh, C. of G.

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 Seerie, David D.
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 Shattuc, Smith M.
 Shearer, A. D.
 Shearer, Jas.
 Sheckells, Richard T.
 Sheppard, Sidney A.
 Skinner, Daniel T.
 Slater, Geo. G.
 Smith, Erastus W.
 Smith, Frank W.
 Smith, Irving G.
 Smith, Jas. H.
 Strickler, Jas. M.
 Smith, Pierce T.
 Smith, Roland D.
 Smith, Wm. D.
 Smutzer, Fred. C.
 Sours, Paul J.
 Southgate, Walter
 *Sprague, Wm. B.

MEMBERS.

Stark, Albert J.
 Steele, Henry P.
 Steele, Robt. W.
 Steinmetz, Chas. C.
 Stephens, Henry J., jr.
 Stevens, Chas. B.
 Stewart, Ralph W.
 Strong, Frank H.
 Smedley, Wm.
 Sutton, John C.
 Tedford, Jas. A.
 Thompson, Geo. W.
 Thompson, Robt. D.
 Timmerman, J. L.
 Titcomb, Jno. S.
 Titus, Chas. H.
 Toovey, Wm.
 Toy, Solomon Jacob
 Tracey, Lester C.
 Traver, Wilber H.
 *Treat, Chas. A.
 Tritch, Geo.
 Tritch, Geo., Jr.
 Tucker, Francis M.

Twombly, Jno. C.
 Uzzell, Thos. A.
 Vallie, Uplide
 Van Clay, M.
 Van Hoevenburg, D. M.
 Van Horn, Marion D.
 Vick Roy, Alonzo F.
 Voeburg, Nathan O.
 Wadsworth, Harrison L.
 Waid, Orin C.
 Walker, Thos. C.
 Walley, J. J.
 Walters, Leonard
 Walsen, Fred.
 Watkins, Leonard A.
 Watkins, Leonard K.
 Webber, Albert H.
 Webster, Ralph C.
 Welch, Albert L.
 Wheeler, Frank
 White, Wm. A.
 Whittemore, Oliver A.
 Wilcox, Stephen J.
 Wilder, Asa

Wilsons, Thos. B.
 Willetts, Geo. W.
 Williams, Fred A.
 Willoughby, Edmond A.
 Wilson, Andrew D.
 Wilson, Chas. F.
 Wilson, Wm. J.
 Winnie, Peter
 Winter, Allison T.
 Wise, Chas. E.
 Wolff, Alfred
 Wooley, Geo. H.
 Wright, Chas. B.
 Wright, Geo. F.
 Wright, Jno. C.
 Wygant, T. H., Jr.
 Yankee, Wm. H.
 *York, Ernest P.
 Younker, Jason T.
 Zint, Geo. W.
 Zimmers, Phillip
 Zieka, August A.
 Zollars, Thos. J.

* Suspended since date of returns.

† Expelled May 18, 1895.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.

CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

William J. Lewis, E. C.
 Richard Harvey, G.
 George W. Mabee, C. G.
 Clayton F. Becker, Pre.
 William C. Fullerton, S. W.
 Perry A. Kline, J. W.

David A. Hamor, Treas.
 Samuel I. Lorah, Rec.
 William Harvey, Std. B.
 Clayton W. Bush, Swd. Br.
 Newton D. Owen, War.
 Peter C. Hansen, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, John D.
 Ashbaugh, Abraham
 Aulsebrook, Alexander
 Becker, Henry
 Best, John
 Bolsinger, Henry C.
 Brannan, John
 Bush, Wm. L.
 Chester, Joseph E.

Collier, David C.
 Hughes, Edward C.
 Lechner, George W.
 Lowell, Benjamin F.
 McClelland, George E.
 Nichols, Foster
 Parsons, Isaac M.
 Potter, Thos. H.
 Roberts, Daniel

Sherwin, John J.
 Teller, Henry M.
 Thorsen, Peder L.
 Tucker, Anthony W.
 Van Doren, Archibald J.
 Vivian, George G.
 Watson, Joseph W.
 Williams, Edward W.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3.

PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Walter L. Dorland, E. C.
 Julius D. Brown, G.
 John J. Willard, C. G.
 Bishop D. V. Reeve, Pre.
 Andrew Park, S. W.
 John M. McKee, J. W.

Daniel R. Greene, Treas.
 Charles W. Bowman, Rec.
 John F. Bishop, Std. B.
 Cornelius J. Hart, Swd. Br.
 Edmund W. Hathaway, War.
 James Stanchfield, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Alva
 Adams, George S.
 Adams, Walter G.
 Anderson, Frank M.
 Banks, Henry C.
 Banks, Horace N.
 Barkley, Henry
 Billington, William H.
 Bostwick, Edwin L.
 Bradley, Ufford
 Burnam, Curtis U.
 Cameron, John
 Chew, Edward R.
 Chopper, Israel F.
 Clark, John Rule
 Clark, John T.
 Clucas, Hugh E.
 Corwic, Richard W.
 Cox, Charles
 Culver, William E.
 DeRemer, James R.
 Doudna, John V.
 Dunbaugh, Frank M.
 Dunbaugh, George J.
 Fisher, Albert T.
 Fitch, Michael H.
 Frain, Luther S.
 Fraser, William G.
 Gartley, Wilson P.
 German, Lyman P.
 Gill, George W.
 Glatzell, Frank
 Graham, Alfred E.
 Grant, Angus A.

Grubb, Erastus P.
 Hancock, William W.
 Hard, Gideon H.
 Holland, Alfred G.
 Humphrey, William A.
 Jackson, Alexander
 James, Rees
 Jones, James E.
 Joy, James A.
 Keith, Fordyce M.
 Kilbourne, Jonathan B.
 King, Alexander T.
 McDaniel, Zephaniah T.
 McMurtrie, John A.
 Martel, James P.
 Miles, John E.
 Morse, Henry M.
 Moses, Lincoln E.
 Moses, William A.
 Nash, Herman W.
 Nelson, Charles F.
 Newcomer, Charles E.
 Newton, Whitely
 Olin, Ceylon E.
 Orman, James B.
 Peach, William
 Pearson, John I.
 Perkins, George W.
 Pochon, Joseph J.
 Ramsay, George L.
 Rice, Charles O.
 Richards, Norman P.
 Robinson, John T.

Root, George H.
 Serjeant, Ellis
 Sheriff, Samuel
 Shielde, George A.
 Shockey, William L.
 Shrock, Frank H.
 Singer, Frank
 Sleeper, John W.
 Smith, Graham
 Smith, Hugh M.
 Smith, James Edward
 Standish, Miles
 Stanton, Irving W.
 Steck, Edward M.
 Stewart, John S.
 Strait, William W.
 Sweeney, William H.
 Taylor, William C.
 Thomas, John J.
 Thompson, Thomas
 Townsend, Wood F.
 Turner, De Witt C.
 Usher, William H.
 Van Brunt, William
 Walpole, Nimrod S.
 Wartenbee, Robert H.
 Williamson, Henry A.
 Williford, George W.
 Wilson, Benjamin M.
 Wilson, Christopher
 Wormley, Frederick P.
 Young, William
 Zimmerman, William M.

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4.

GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

W. M. Fletcher, E. C.
 Jesse M. Copeland, G.
 Thomas Bennett, C. G.
 Russell J. Collins, Pre
 John H. Bennett, S. W.
 Herbert Gedney, J. W.

Fred. S. Johnson, Treas.
 George Meyers, Rec.
 John F. Phillips, Std. B.
 David K. Wilson, Swd. Br.
 Henry Boyer, War.
 William E. Barton, C of G.

MEMBERS.

Barrett, George H.
 Bullock, Chas. B.
 Catners, Benjamin C.
 Cornish, Nicholas D.

Cornish, Thos.
 Duff, William A.
 Fish, Chas. R.
 Hardy, Samuel

Jacobson, Chas. H.
 Pollard, Chas. W.
 Sedgwick, Robert A.
 Swanson, August

MT. OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY No. 5.

LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Charles Cavender, E. C.
Geo. P. Brown, G.
David La Salle, C. G.
John M. Maxwell, Pre.
Chas. E. Dickinson, S. W.
Hy. R. Pendery, J. W.

Clarence Hersey, Treas.
Willis L. Thompson, Rec.
Jno. A. Ewing, Std. B.
Wm. J. Steen, Swd. Br.
James W. Newell, War.
Hans Jane, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, E. H.
Alfred, Jno.
Armington, Jno. F.
Baker, Irwin G.
Baldy, John P.
Beaudry, F. B.
Blakely, H. M.
Boettcher, Chas.
Bowdish, R. C.
Braden, Wm.
Branch, A. H.
Bretherton, S. E.
Brown, Sam'l M.
Burnand, Alphonse A.
Cain, Wm. J.
Champion, Jno. R.
Christian, Chas. J.
Cook, Geo. W.
Corwin, Herbert D.
Crawford, W. C.
Dale, Wm. P.
De Lay, Robt. L.

Dickinson, Frank T.
Dickinson, Wm. M.
Dongan, David H.
Dongan, Geo. B.
Faucher, B.
Flintham, J. W.
Galloway, B. S.
Gear, Loftus
Goddard, L. M.
Goelen, A. M.
Guller, Wm.
Harvey, Jno.
Hundchen, Albert
Hilton, Jno. E.
Lumeden, Jno.
McMillen, Neil
McNiven, Dan'l
McNulty, James
Mack, Jacob
Miller, Fred'k C.
Mitchell, Horace C.
Muser, J. W.

Nicholson, Sam'l D.
Nowland, Jno.
Officer, F. H.
Peene, J. N.
Peterson, P. A.
Playter, A. T.
Power, Roger F.
Ramsay, Geo. W.
Recen, Dan'l A.
Reef, Joseph S.
Show, Frank
Smith, Hy. W.
Smith, Joel W.
Stotesbury, Jno. H.
Stickley, Benj. F.
Swaine, L. C.
Tast, C. F.
Wheat, L. B.
White, I.
Wildor, Sam'l D.
Williams, Jno. H.
Woodford, Jos. W.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6.

COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Thursdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

James B. Severy, E. C.
W. H. Reed, G.
Thomas Hughes, C. G.
E. M. Lotz, Pre.
James P. Barnes, S. W.
E. J. Eaton, J. W.

G. W. Walker, Treas.
C. E. Stubbs, Rec.
R. H. Ashworth, Std. B.
Raymond Reed, Swd. Br.
J. A. Heimebaugh, War.
John Courter, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Charles
Atkinson, L. S.
Barker, C. W.
Bartlett, H. W.
Bates, L. W.
Bennett, C. E.
Bennett, D. H.
Beynon, B. L.
Bleto, A. J.
Boyt, Anthony
Boyer, S. L.
Briceco, R. S.
Cable, Hiram S.
Carmichael, Edwin

Casser, Constantine
Costello, Frank F.
Crowell, B. F.
Davis, Frank P.
Dow, F. E.
Ellis, E. L.
Ellison, James M.
Evans, C. E.
France, Matt
Frizzell, William
Frost, G. W.
Frowine, C. H.
Gostling, C. R.
Gerhardt, Paul

Giddings, E. W. Jr.
Gilmore, E. C.
Gough, Thomas
Grafton, H. H.
Green, John W.
Hayes, J. A. Jr.
Hert, Thomas
Henry, O. E.
Horn, T. G.
Howbert, Irving
Humphrey, A. L.
Humphrey, J. F.
Hutchinson, A. B.
Hutchinson, J. C.

MEMBERS.

Jones, A. D.
Jones, Beal H.
Jones, M. W.
Kerr, J. H.
Kuhn, C. E.
Lawrence, G. W.
Lawton, A. L.
Leddy, M. A.
Lindley, G. E.
McShane, David
Maltby, S. F.
Marston, J. L.
Martin, F. L.
Matthews, Albert

Morris, Wesley S.
Munson, R. D.
Ortseifer, W. A.
Parker, J. M.
Potter, John
Reid, H. I.
Reynolds, J. E.
Roby, F. F.
Sagendorf, Andrew
Schmitt, Jacob
Skinner, L. C.
Smith, C. T. O.
Smith, S. Ben.
Stanley, H. J.

Steele, W. S.
Stephenson, Percy
St. John, E. S.
Stillman, J. W.
Pattenson, B. W.
Thomas, Frank
Walter, E. R.
Waltemyer, E. L.
Wellington, Q. J.
Woodbury, J. C.
Woods, E. L.
Woodside, W. P.
Zobrist, C. L.

MT. SINAI COMMANDERY No. 7.

BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

James L. Morehead, E. C.
George F. Fonda, G.
Fred. L. Williamson, C. G.
*W. L. Burdick, (honorary) Pre.
Chas. A. Russell, S. W.
Albert T. Henry, J. W.

George M. McClure, Treas.
H. E. Washburn, Rec.
George F. Chase, Std. B.
Sam'l C. Brown, Swd. Br.
Timothy O'Connor, War.
Henry W. Sheets, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allison, William H.
Border, Sam'l B.
Bradley, Herbert N.
Bromley, Charles C.
Burns, M. F.
Connell, John
Cowie, James
Craig, John H.
Danford, Thomas
Davis, Charles
Davis, John
Develine, James W.
Dodge, Horace O.
Downer, Sylvester S.
Ellingham, John J.
Faurot, Charles S.
Fullen, Hiram
Gilbert, Richard
Goldsworthy, William
Hathaway, Mark
Hathaway, Wm. N.
Henry, Albert T. Jr.
Hisey, Marion W.
Hood, James H.
Howell, Wm. R.

Hubbard, James E.
Hult, William
Hutchinson, Daniel J.
Jackson, Nelson
Jay, Manuel
Johnston, Francis
Johnston, William J.
Kenyon, Enoch
Kempton, James
Kohler, Fred. W., Sr.
Knill, Thomas
Lockwood, Fred.
Luxon, Joseph
McAllister, Daniel E.
McGaffey, Sam'l M.
Mackey, Andrew J.
Maxwell, James P.
Metcalf, Eli P.
Metcalf, Frank P.
Morrell, Henry
Nicholson, John W.
Oliver, George S.
Owen, Thos. R.
Phillips, Norman M.
Pine, B. Frank

Paghe, John
Rosser, William
Rowan, William F.
Safely, Alex. F.
Sawyer, Alvin M.
Schriver, J. C.
Seely, North L.
Shires, Thomas
Simpson, John H.
Spencer, Charles L.
Stock, F. E.
Teal, George W.
Temple, Edwin J.
Thorne, Squire J.
Trezise, John G.
Tyler, Frank
Veile, James B.
Walker, Edward S.
Wellman, Sylvanus
Whiteley, Richard H.
White, William W.
Wilder, Eugene
Williams, John N.
Wise, Charles H.

*Not a member.

GUNNISON COMMANDERY No. 8.

GUNNISON, GUNNISON COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Wednesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

John A. Steele, E. C.
John E. Brothers, G.
Michael Monahan, C. G.
Samuel P. Spencer, Pre.
Henry C. Bartlett, S. W.
Truman W. Gray, J. W.

Eugene P. Shove, Treas.
Ira Brown, Rec.
Michael W. Flavin, Std. B.
Osmer H. Aikine, Swd. Br.
Abram E. Heyzer, War.
Charles Biebel, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Wallace A.
Brown, Irs E.
Calvert, William W.
Chrystal, James F.
Chrystal, John F.
Davis, William H.
Edwards, Albert H.
Fine, William J.
Gibson, Ezra
Lawrence, James S.

Lewis, Thomas J.
Moyer, Samuel L.
Pearson, John F.
Pirie, George
Purrier, Henry
Rhodes, Matthew
Robles, Morgan A.
Songer, Frank E.
Seelinger, Frederick A.
Snyder, William

Steele, Frank D.
Starr, Thomas
Tanner, Frank P.
Webb, John
Wheeler, Nat. C.
Wilson, Richard B.
Winn, Charles F.
Wright, Henry C.
Youngs, George

CANON CITY COMMANDERY No. 9.

CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY.

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

William H. Trout, E. C.
Thomas H. Craven, G.
Morton S. Bailey, C. G.
William T. Bridwell, Pre.
George W. Bethel, S. W.
Robert C. Stewart, J. W.

James P. Chapman, Treas.
James H. Peabody, Rec.
Charles Pauls, Std. B.
Leroy C. Young, Swd. Br.
Joseph T. Little, War.
Caleb J. Smith, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, David
Black, Amos R.
Bradbury, Daniel A.
Bradbury, George E.
Butler, Edward A.
Cassedy, George R.
Collins, Charles M.
Coslett, Walter
Davenport, Charles E.
Davidson, Philip G.
Davis, William J.
Dudley, George E.
Dufer, Charles E.
Earle, George W.
Earle, Henry
Ford, Allen E.
Fort, William E.
Garrett, Daniel N.
Gibson, David E.

Gravestock, John
Hadden, George
Hall, Linville J.
Harding, Theodore M.
Haskins, Charles F.
Jones, Benjamin F.
Johnson, William E.
Kellenberger, George H.
Kohlman, Louis X.
Lawrence, Adley B.
McGilliard, William P.
McGrath, Miles
Maxson, Chester W.
Mayhew, William M.
Milsom, Joseph W.
Mitchell, Edwin
Mitchell, George M.
Mitchell, Jeremiah W.
Munroe, Adam S.

Nikirk, Clyde G.
Palmer, Hunter T.
Palmer, Thomas D.
Pattee, David C.
Peabody, Willie H.
Pople, Roger
Price, Henry L.
Reynolds, Frederic A.
Robertson, John
Rockafellow, Benjamin F.
Rockwell, James J.
Roe, George W.
Rudolph, Andrew E.
Sartor, Augustus
Sell, Franz
Slater, Henry B.
Smith, C. C.
Tucker, William P.
Weaver, William H.

GREELEY COMMANDERY No. 10.

GREELEY, WELD COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Sharon Atkinson, E. C.
 Wm. Mayher, G.
 Le Barron Willard, C. G.
 Henry Tracy West, Pre.
 Albert Igo, S. W.
 Dennis Murray, J. W.

Bruce F. Johnson, Treas.
 Joseph A. Woodbury, Rec.
 Benj. W. Hilton, Std. B.
 Henry Ecker, Swd. Br.
 Charles W. Wulfjen, War.
 Thos. G. Macy, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abbott, Eugene A.
 Arthur, James S.
 Barber, James S.
 Beetham, James
 Brush, Jared L.
 Chambers, James S.
 Childs, Francis L.
 Eaton, Benj. H.
 Eaton, Bruce G.

Freeman, James M.
 Heaton, Charles
 Henderson, Gustave A.
 Hogarty, Michael J.
 Huffsmith, Peter
 McGruder, James
 Madison, C. W.
 Matteson, Menzo C.
 Mead, Mark S.

Pollock, Wm. Perry
 Randolph, Calvin
 Springfield, James H.
 Teller, Harrison
 Thompson, Edward A.
 Thomson, James W.
 Watson, Arthur C.
 Wolaver, Jacob M.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 11.

DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Tuesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Jethro C. Sanford, E. C.
 Peter L. Hansen, G.
 Charles S. Butler, C. G.
 Hiram Bullis, Pre.
 George Weaver, S. W.
 Frank A. Wingate, J. W.

John L. Parsons, Treas.
 Geo. W. Kepphant, Rec.
 Frank B. Roberts, Std. B.
 Geo. E. West, Swd. Br.
 Thomas Rockwood, War.
 Wm. H. La Count, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Ambold, Robert A.
 Bayly, William
 Cadwell, Henry
 Copp, George
 Daniels, Henry H.
 Denison, Patrick F.
 Engleman, M. M.
 Freund, George
 Gault, John
 Goodman, Henry C.
 Heffron, H. G.
 Hickey, Charles S.
 Hoskinson, Charles

Klingender, Henry
 Klingender, Melchoir
 Knowles, John
 Landon, J. P.
 Lewis, Andrew R.
 McConnell, Charles E.
 McGregor, Duncan C.
 Merideth, Joseph
 Morawetz, Albert
 Morton, Andrew W.
 Newmann, Charles
 Orr, Gaylord A.
 Parshall, Wesley W.

Russell, James L.
 Shaw, Daniel J.
 Sheets, Daniel L.
 Shirey, Wesley I.
 Swickheimer, David
 Thompson, Samuel H.
 Thorp, George L.
 Ware, Harry F.
 Wigglesworth, Thomas H.
 Wingate, John W.
 Wynn, John C.
 Young, Frank H.

LONG'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 12.

LONGMONT, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Frank M. Downer, E. C.
 Willis A. Warner, G.
 J. W. Denio, C. G.
 C. F. Bartell, Pre.
 C. J. Gregg, S. W.
 Geo. F. Dell, J. W.

John Ramsay, Treas.
 A. L. Gibson, Rec.
 Milo G. Secor, Std. B.
 Wm. King, Swd. Br.
 W. H. Webb, War.
 L. H. Dickson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Fred E.
 Andrews, Frank V.
 Baker, Chas. H.
 Brown, Cassius M.
 Brown, Geo. W.
 Buckley, John A.
 Butler, Stephen
 Butler, Thomas
 Callahan, Thomas M.
 Carr, Byron L.
 Coffman, Enoch J.
 Crane, Fred A.
 Clark, C. C.
 Coburn, William T.
 Daniels, John E.

David, Francis D.
 Davis, Frank B.
 David, Frank I.
 Entwistle, Thomas
 Grant, John Q.
 Greaser, James W.
 Griffith, Richard G.
 Henderson, Andrew M.
 Herron, Ira L.
 Herron, Oscar F.
 Hubble, Richard M.
 Hockenburger, William
 Johnson, Thomas F.
 Lykins, David J.
 Minor, Henry M.

Mitchell, Joseph
 Morgan, Joseph J.
 Nicholson, William
 Norton, Elbert E.
 Phillips, George B.
 Ranson, Dick
 Secor, Franklin P.
 Shoemaker, Frank J.
 Small, Major
 Topliff, Joseph J.
 Webb, Charles O.
 White, Eben
 Wilson, Harry E.
 Wilson, Mel. J.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY No. 13.

FORT COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Saturdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

T. J. Montgomery, E. C.
 Jas. B. Arthur, G.
 Leander Giddings, C. G.
 Jno. C. Hanna, Pre.
 David A. Weaver, S. W.
 Frank J. Annis, J. W.

Chas. H. Sheldon, Treas.
 Celestine E. Lull, Rec.
 Adrian Blackmer, Std. B.
 F. N. B. Scott, Swd. Br.
 Courtland Secord, War.
 Thos. H. Doolittle, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, Peter
 Andrews, Chas. B.
 Armstrong, Andrew
 Barnes, Wm.
 Beach, Jerry T.
 Boughton, Jay H.
 Brewer, Chas. W.
 Bristol, Judson H.
 Brown, Arthur F.
 Budrow, J. T.
 Clark, Suel E.
 Clinton, John C.
 Cuthbertson, James
 Downey, J. W.
 Duggan, Thos. H.
 Edwards, Alfred A.

Ellis, Alston
 Gage, Thaddeus A.
 Garbutt, Edw. N.
 Greiner, Jackson M.
 Hall, Wm.
 Hamilton, A. L.
 Helgeson, Ole
 Hoffman, J. M.
 Hottel, Andrew J.
 Lane, Chas. D.
 Learnard, Perry D.
 Lindenmeier, Wm. Jr.
 Love, Ephraim
 McAnelly, Jefferson
 Maxwell, Chas.
 Miller, Chas. P.

Moore, Lewis C.
 Parker, Chas. V.
 Ramey, Thos. C.
 Robertson, Thos. H.
 Robinson, Thos. M.
 Rugh, Christian
 Scott, Alexander W.
 Seckner, S. H.
 Sickman, Alonzo P.
 Stover, Frank P.
 Sturdevant, Harvey
 Webb, Geo. A.
 Whitton, John
 Woodward, Chas. N.
 Zweifel, John J.

ASPEN MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY No. 14.

ASPEN, PITKIN COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

George C. Vickery, E. C.
Richmond H. Fisher, G.
Walter S. Clarke, C. G.
Claud M. Soule, Pre.
Calvin McCrea, S. W.
John Sweeney, J. W.

David R. C. Brown, Treas.
Fred. A. Hunt, Rec.
Wm. J. Cox, Std. B.
Mortimer J. Gaary, Swd. Br.
Charles H. Pratt, War.
John R. Williams, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Auld, John
Bradshaw, Moses
Bright, Wm. H.
Campbell, J. W.
Canning, John K.
Connor, James C.
Crosby, George F.
Davis, Thomas E.
Dills, James M.

Freeman, Jason E.
Gillespie, Henry B.
Giveus, Daniel
Greener, John H.
Keene, Stephen W.
Lyster, Theodore G.
Martin, George T.
Miller, Riley
Mills, David A.
*Suspended May 7, 1895.

*Reese, Charles
Rice, George Arthur
Robinson, Ed. S.
Shellkopf, Jacob H.
Shriver, Charles E.
Stevenson, Archie M.
*Stone, Lewis A.
Varney, Andrew J.
Wardell, John B.

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE COMMANDERY No. 15.

ALAMOSA, CONEJOS COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Monday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Wm. Graham, E. C.
Jno. Gerteisen, G.
Geo. A. Willis, C. G.
Arnold D. Springer, Pre.
Geo. H. Shone, S. W.
Chas. A. Merriman, J. W.

John Spriestersbach, Treas.
Horace H. Dubendorff, Rec.
A. B. Ruby, Std. B.
Chas. M. Ball, Swd. Br.
C. Wallrich, War.
W. D. Carroll, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bannister, Amos
Bassett, Alden
Bisbee, Lucian H.
Boone, James B.
Chapman, Norman H.
Cochran, William
Dixon, William H.

Duddleson, Thos. J.
Ellie, John J.
Ewing, John J. Jr.
Franklin, G. W.
Head, Lafayette
Hindle, Francis L.
Hirst, Wm. H.

McIntire, Albert W.
McKee, Milton
Mattos, Joseph S.
Thomson, Jeremiah L.
Tracy, J. D.
Warshauer, Fred.

OURAY COMMANDERY No. 16.

OURAY, OURAY COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Friday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Walter F. Wheeler, E. C.
W. W. Ashley, G.
Geo. C. Pierce, C. G.
Albert Jeffers, Pre.
Wm. H. Middaugh, S. W.
B. E. Parlman, J. W.

Geo. A. Scott, Treas.
W. B. Alexander, Rec.
Theron Stevens, Std. B.
Thomas Hooley, Swd. Br.
M. S. Corbett, War.
James K. Herring, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abbott, James W.
 Adams, Arthur S.
 Arlett, George H.
 Armstrong, Charles A.
 Bailey, Lawrence L.
 Bradley, George T.
 Bradley, Joseph F.
 Brown, John S.
 Carney, Francis
 Caslett, Charles P.
 Clapp, James
 Decker, Phil.
 Doty, D. H.
 Fourrell, William H.
 Fitzgerald, S. R.
 Haines, John L.
 Hall, H. C.

Hammon, Charles T.
 Hanson, Rasmus
 Harvason, Alex.
 Haskins, Charles W.
 Hendershott, Joseph D.
 Hinsey, William A.
 Hogg, Herchel M.
 Jardine, John M.
 Kinkaid, John
 Kinley, Edward
 Kunz, Samuel W.
 Langley, John C.
 Lavender, Ed.
 Lee, Harry A.
 Leonard, Charles M.
 Lindsay, George G.
 McKenzie, William

Mark, Milton H.
 Nelson, John W.
 Nichols, C. M.
 Niles, James
 Painter, Charles F.
 Phillips, George H.
 Phillips, W. B.
 Proudfoot, Robert
 Rose, Charles E.
 Rowan, William W.
 Smith, Valerius Y.
 Story, William
 Vanatta, W. B.
 Walsh, Harry H.
 Williams, Ralph
 Wilson, Walter B.
 Wilterding, Henry J.

SALIDA COMMANDERY No. 17.

SALIDA, CHAFFEE COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

William W. Roller, E. C.
 George W. Rose, G.
 William G. Sisson, C. G.
 John Wallace Ohl, Pre.
 James B. McCoy, S. W.
 Charles G. Johnson, J. W.

Joshua W. Wood, Treas.
 George W. McGovern, Rec.
 George A. Montgomery, Std. B.
 Michael J. Guerin, Swd. Br.
 Frederick W. Brush, War.
 Melvin J. Buland, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Bonney, Josiah M.
 Boucher, Elmer T.
 Cole, Judson E.
 Cornelius, Charles S.
 Cornwell, La Fayette
 Crymble, Hugh
 Dale, William P.
 Davidson, James A.
 Eddy, John A.
 Graf, Bernard
 Jackson, Frederick A.

Jones, Eugene B.
 Lewis, Titus
 Libby, Charles S.
 Logan, William R.
 McComas, John M.
 McDowell, John B.
 McIvor, John J.
 Martin, Theodore
 Mitchell, Harry W.
 Morehouse, David W.

Newton, Howell D.
 Nye, Augustus T.
 Price, Charles L.
 Reelinger, Sherman W.
 Shafer, Albert
 Shively, Charles L.
 Thayer, Elmer A.
 White, William D.
 Wilbur, Ernest
 Van Meter, Stroud

ORIENTAL COMMANDERY No. 18.

TRINIDAD, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

James L. Bridge, E. C.
 L. H. Roberts, G.
 W. M. Mahin, C. G.
 A. C. Kennedy, Pre.
 J. B. Hershey, S. W.
 Geo. A. Reese, J. W.

C. H. Blake, Treas.
 D. S. Harper, Rec.
 R. D. Gibbons, Std. B.
 Harry F. Pierson, Swd. Br.
 D. R. Callaway, War.
 S. D. Hayes, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bateman, Geo. C.
Brown, H. E.
Brown, S. V. B.
Butler, J. P. M.
Cook, B. G.
Cunningham, W. B.
Eysenhardt, Paul
Forhan, T. J.
Gordon, Wm.
Guilfoil, John H.
Hall, A. Kinney
Hensley, James H.
Humphreys, John
Jones, W. W.

Keener, W. S.
Labelle, Jason P.
Leighton, H. W.
Linthurst, Jno. F.
McEinery, T. J.
McMillan, Sam'l
Miller, D. R.
Milliken, I. Q.
Munroe, W. F.
Nolan, P. H.
Peters, W. E.
Pollock, Alex.
Rapp, I. H.

Reinoehle, J. R.
Roberts, Jas. H.
Sherman, Jno. F.
Sleicher, J. M.
Sneddon, Alex.
Stone, A. L.
Thompson, Wm.
Unfug, Chas. O.
Wade, L. E.
Wight, F. D.
Wilder, W. H.
Williams, Thos.
Wooding, B. F.

MONTROSE COMMANDERY No. 19.

MONTROSE, MONTROSE COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Fridays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

S. S. Sherman, E. C.
Geo. H. Smith, G.
J. M. Reynolds, C. G.
A. Johnson, Pre.
G. E. Anderson, S. W.
J. W. Ownes, J. W.

J. E. McClure, Treas.
J. F. Kyle, Rec.
H. D. Wise, Std. B.
Abe Roberts, Swd. Br.
I. W. Hottel, War.
J. W. Cahill, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Akard, C. B.
Baetjer, W. T.
Beaudry, F. B.
Bell, John C.
Bestor, E. D.
Bonney, A. L.
Boot, Wm.
Bostwick, H. N.
Butler, A. C.
Campbell, Chas.

Chapman, F. A.
Clark, N. G.
Diehl, R. C.
Hammond, H.
Kellock, Andrew
Kelso, R. S.
King, A. R.
Lees, John F.
McGrannahan, T. H. ●

Osteneson, O. E.
Overhiser, Geo. P.
Phillips, J. Ralph Jr.
Robinson, W. W.
Slaven, John E.
Stephan, Geo.
Tripler, J. W.
Williams, R. F.
Wise, A. H.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS COMMANDERY No. 20.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, GARFIELD COUNTY.

[Conclaves second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Chas. W. Durand, E. C.
William M. Dinkel, G.
Fred. C. Ewing, C. G.
Henry R. Kamm, Pre.
William Dougan, S. W.
Charles A. Lee, J. W.

Barney T. Napier, Treas.
Marshall H. Dean, Rec.
Harvey K. Morley, Std. B.
W. B. Dynes, Swd. B.
John H. Fesler, War.
Marcellus Monroe, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, James
DeReemer, Jared R.
Edly, H. H.
Hallett, Henry W.

Law, H. M.
Love, Joseph
Moulton, George H.
Nuckols, George H.

Schliff, W. A.
Stevenson, Clarence H.
Swan, Joseph S.
Tillery, W. H.

AKRON COMMANDERY No. 21.

AKRON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

[Conclaves fourth Tuesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Cyrus H. Phelps, E. C.
 Adam J. Johnson, G.
 James N. Counter, C. G.
 Louis C. Stephenson, Pre.
 Charles A. Parson, S. W.
 John B. Fisher, J. W.

John F. Dole, Treas.
 William B. Colvin, Rec.
 Granville Pendleton, Std. B.
 Lafayette M. Butts, Swd. Br.
 John H. Griesel, War.
 George W. Ball, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bales, Elija J.
 Barr, George W.
 Bender, Joseph J.
 Bent, George B.
 Bonfoey, Wells
 Clatworthy, William H.
 Cooke, Maynard E.
 Curry, James P.
 Devin, James T.
 Gault, John
 Griggaby, William C.
 Hamm, Arthur C.

Handy, Robert M.
 Heiskell, Tyler D.
 Kinkel, Charles W.
 Knearl, William
 Little, William
 McCue, Isaac N.
 McPherrin, Emmett
 Moore, John W.
 More, Marcelius L.
 Muntzing, August
 Packard, D. C.
 Petteys, Walter

Putnam, Howard M.
 Kawait, Benjamin F.
 Robinson, George W.
 Shonard, David
 Simpson, Francis M.
 Simpson, Frank L.
 Skelton, William T.
 Twombly, Hurd W.
 Waite, Ira W.
 Williams, J. W.
 Young, Andrew J.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY No. 22.

LA JUNTA, OTERO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

C. F. Kendall, E. C.
 E. J. Smith, G.
 J. B. Pearce, C. G.
 I. S. Bryant, Pre.
 E. W. Kirby, S. W.
 J. B. Sherman, J. W.

John Johnson, Treas.
 J. W. Manley, Rec.
 Wm. E. Gobin, Std. B.
 Chas. Reynolds, Swd. Br.
 R. A. Steen, War.
 B. U. Dye, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Albera, Victor
 Allen, C. H.
 Barnes, A. S.
 Gauger, J. E.
 Godding, John E.
 Godding, T. F.
 Johnson, Harry

Kesee, Daniel
 McMurry, Wm. T.
 Miller, Albert W.
 Miller, Gid. T.
 Markham, L. Wirt.
 Maxwell, H. I.

Parsons, Chas. S.
 Poland, Wm. F.
 Robinson, Gerrard
 Soupsset, F. P.
 Steel, Wm. C.
 Tague, F. M.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY No. 23.

GRAND JUNCTION, MESA COUNTY.

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Lawrence M. Miller, E. C.
Edward F. Eldridge, G.
Charles E. Gleason, C. G.
Benjamin J. Snyder, Pre.
Theodore M. Jones, S. W.
John J. Lumsden, J. W.

Benton Canon, Treas.
William Carlyle, Rec.
Jacob H. Rice, Std. B.
Heman R. Bull, Swd. Br.
David B. Crosby, War.
Thos. E. Barnhouse, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Orson Jr.
Armstrong, George W.
Bartow, John L.
Bower, Columbus
Ketchum, Truman A.

Krusen, Norman J.
Lattner, Thomas J.
Maloy, Ed. N.
Nelson, James H.
Olson, Gust. A.

Powelson, Benj. F.
Price, Charles C.
Roberts, David
Shores, Cyrus W.
Starr, Thomas

DENVER COMMANDERY No. 25.

DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

[Conclaves second Tuesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

George N. Atwood, E. C.
Darius A. Barton, G.
Jerome A. Vickers, C. G.
James H. Blood, Pre.
Henry Falke, S. W.
James Perchard, J. W.

Wm. D. Todd, Treas.
Ed. C. Parmelee, Rec.
Edward K. Harris, Std. B.
George W. Vallery, Swd. B.
Arthur F. Harlow, War.
*Chas. J. McIntosh, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Addoms, Frederic E.
Alling, Ebenezer T.
Bartels, Gustave C.
Bisell, Julius B.
Brannen, Robert S.
Bristol, Harlan P.
Brown, Charles E.
Bucknum, Amasa M.
Burchinell, Wm. K.
Burlingame, Eugene E.
Butler, Hugh
Campbell, Donald W.
Carrow, Paul H.
De Huy, Bernard H.
Evans, James P.
Evans, Wm. G.

Feldhauser, Philip
Fisher, Cyrus W.
Fletcher, Donald
Foister, Ernest Le Neve
Fullerton, Wm.
Gove, Aaron
Griseom, Eugene
Harkison, Chas. T.
Heath, Andrew B.
Highland, Edward F.
Hill, Frank B.
Johnston, James C.
Kramer, George W.
Lemen, Lewis E.
Malone, Booth M.
Mayo, Dudley D.

Monahan, Deane
Morrow, John
Orahood, Harper M.
Puckett, Wm. J.
Rogers, Platt
Schroter, Sidney H.
Sneve, Anthony
Spangler, Michael
Taisey, Charles H.
Vaille, Frederick O.
Van Culin, Trabue
Wallace, Joseph T.
Woodbury, Roger W.
Wood, Charles H.
Wyman, George
Young, Frank C.

*Not a member.

In Memory of

E. SIR WILLIAM BOYD TRUFANT,

OF

DENVER COMMANDERY No. 25.

**Born January 9, 1838, at Bath, Maine.
Died December 10, 1894, at Denver, Colorado.**

A good citizen. A brave sailor. A valiant knight.

WE CHERISH HIS MEMORY.

In Memory
OF THE
SIXTEEN SIR KNIGHTS
OF
THIS JURISDICTION
WHO HAVE
GONE TO THEIR
REST.

"PEACEFUL BE THEIR SLEEP."

In Memory
OF
THE DECEASED SIR KNIGHTS
OF
OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

In Memoriam.

NAME	COMMAND- ERY NO.	DATE
McBeth, Jno. A.....	1	May 27, 1894
Chivington, Jno. M.	1	October 4, 1894
Kroening, Geo. R.	1	March 17, 1895
Newell, H. W.	1	June 7, 1894
Walker, Charles.....	3	August 10, 1894
Urmy, David F.	3	August 15, 1894
Forstrand, Peter M.	4	June 23, 1894
Dougherty, Eugene	6	July 6, 1894
Smith, James A.	7	July 11, 1894
Streamer, Frank M.	7	August 10, 1894
Breene, Michael.....	11	August 14, 1894
Foster, J. Sherman	12	July 26, 1894
James, William E.....	12	January 15, 1895
Gillett, Jason.....	17	April 27, 1895
Trufant, William Boyd.....	25	December 10, 1894
Lockwood, Robert C.....	25	March 7, 1895

REINSTATED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Franklin, Nelson	1	October 15, 1894
Harp, William R.	1	September 4, 1894
Routt, Jno. L.	1	October 15, 1894
Adams, George S.	3	April 6, 1895
Allison, William H.	7	December 6, 1894
Goodale, M. S.	22	.....

DIMITTED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Ackerman, W. S.	1	December 25, 1894
Block, H. S.	1	February 19, 1895
Hart, J. W.	1	December 25, 1894
Josselyn, B. S.	1	April 18, 1895
Kinne, J. W.	1	December 25, 1894
Meyers, H. J.	1	September 18, 1894
Nance, F. W.	1	December 25, 1894
Pierce, E. F.	1	December 25, 1894
Skiff, F. J. V.	1	August 7, 1894
Shanks, T. N.	1	December 4, 1894
Taisey, C. H.	1	January 15, 1895
Wells, Benjamin T.	2	November 15, 1894
Goodnight, Charles.	3	December 1, 1894
Rose, George Wm.	3	....., 1891
McFaddon, Lee F.	4	January 5, 1895
Gunnell, A. T.	5	.....
Whinnerrah, Raymond	5	.....
Jennings, A. S.	6	.....
O'Neil, John M.	7	January 14, 1895
Tyler, Fred.	7	May 5, 1894
Adams, B. C.	9	May 17, 1894
Cooke, John B.	10	.....
Harper, Brainard D.	10	.....
Monahan, Deane.	10	.....
Law, John	11	October 9, 1894
Bardell, Conrad.	12	.....
Dickinson, Frank T.	14	December 12, 1894
Frazier, C. M.	15	June 1, 1894
Moyer, Al.	16	December 7, 1894
Cameron, Jno.	18	.....
Baetjer, F. J.	19	December 7, 1894
Rice, A. A.	20	April 9, 1895
Haskins, B. F.	22	February 4, 1895
Seeburger, E. F.	22	February 4, 1895
Goodale, M. S.	22	March 4, 1895

SUSPENDED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Bracken, Thomas	1	September 4, 1894
Burns, J. J.	1	July 17, 1894
Carney, J. C.	1	July 17, 1894
Ellis, J. A.	1	July 17, 1894
Keck, O. F.	1	October 2, 1894
Moffit, J. O.	1	October 2, 1894
Poachin, J. L.	1	September 4, 1894
Parkhurst, L. W.	1	September 18, 1894
Prinn, W. R.	1	September 18, 1894
Tanquary, N. Q.	1	September 4, 1894
Whittall, T. D.	1	July 17, 1894
Stebbins, Henry H.	2	November 15, 1894
Pomeroy, Richard A.	4	February 2, 1895
Olney, Henry C.	8	May 9, 1894
McKenna, Thomas J.	8	May 9, 1894
Wolff, Barney J.	8	May 9, 1894
May, Clarence.	8	May 9, 1894
Fassbender, Peter	11	September 6, 1894
Warren, Wm. D.	11	September 6, 1894
Longnecker, Will T.	11	September 6, 1894
Marshall, O. W.	12	-----
Breckle, William J.	12	-----
Watrous, Ansel	13	June 2, 1894
Plummer, Z. C.	13	June 2, 1894
Martin, J. W.	13	June 2, 1894
McMurchy, William	14	August 24, 1893
O'Reilly, H. T.	18	-----
Neebitt, Ed. F.	18	-----

TABULATED STATEMENT.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1886.

COMMANDERY	POSTOFFICE	Number	Created	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dismissed	Suspended	Members 1886	COMMANDER	RECORDER
Colorado	Denver	1	13	4	3	4	11	11	446	Ed. G. Arnold	Edwin F. Arthur
Central City	Central City	2					1	1	38	Wm. J. Lewis	Samuel L. Lorch
Pueblo	Pueblo	3	30	12	1	3	3	1	112	Walter L. Dorland	Chas. W. Bowman
Georgetown	Georgetown	4				1	1	1	24	Warren M. Fletcher	Chas. Geo. Meyers
Mt. of the Holy Cross	Leadville	5	1	1		1	1	1	78	Chas. Cavender	Willis L. Thompson
Pike's Peak	Colorado Springs	6	1	4		1	1	1	95	James B. Severy	C. E. Stubbs
Mont St. Anselm	Boulder	7	10	1	1	1	1	1	85	James L. Moreland	Hiram E. Washburn
Gunnison	Gunnison	8							41	John A. Steele	Ira Brown
Canon City	Canon City	9	5	1	1		1	1	69	William H. Trout	James H. Peabody
Greenley	Greenley	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	Sharon Atkinson	Joseph A. Woodbury
Leadville	Leadville	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	Jedro C. Sanford	Geo. W. Kenphart
Long's Peak	Longmont	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	Francis M. Downer	Abraham L. Gibson
De Molay	Fort Collins	13					1	1	59	Thos. J. Montgomery	Celestine E. Lull
Aspen Mountain	Aspen	14	1	1		1	1	1	39	George C. Vickery	Frederick A. Hunt
Rio Grande del Norte	Alamosa	15					1	1	32	Wm. Graham	Horace H. Debenhoff
Corry	Corral	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	Walter F. Wheeler	W. B. Alexander
Solida	Salida	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	W. W. Keller	Geo. W. McGovern
Oriental	Trinidad	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	Jas. L. Briggs	David S. Harper
Montrose	Montrose	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	S. S. Sherman	James F. Kyle
Glenwood Springs	Glenwood Springs	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	Charles W. Durand	Marshall H. Dean
Akron	Akron	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	Cyrus H. Phelps	Wm. B. Colvin
Palatine	La Junta	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	Charles F. Kendall	John W. Manley
Temple	Grand Junction	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	Lawrence M. Miller	Wm. Carlyle
Denver	Denver	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	59	George N. Atwood	Ed. C. Parmelee

RECAPITULATION.

No. chartered previous to this Conclave	24	Admitted	23	Suspended	8
Number at Work	21	Reinstated	6	Number in 1884	1028
Represented at this Conclave	22	Died	16	Number in 1886	1643
(reated	69	Dismissed	35	Net gain	22

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY, MARCH 14, 1876.

Date	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain-General	Grand Prelate	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1876, Mar. 14	Henry M. Teller	W. D. Anthony	L. W. Stanton	J. M. Strickler	* P. V. Finch	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1876, Mar. 13	W. D. Anthony	J. W. Stanton	H. M. Orabood	J. M. Strickler	† Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1876, Sept. 20	J. W. Stanton	J. M. Orabood	J. M. Strickler	M. Spangler	† Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1876, Sept. 19	J. M. Orabood	M. Spangler	M. H. Fitch	M. H. Fitch	† Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1881, Sept. 24	M. Spangler	M. H. Fitch	Wm. Fullerton	* P. J. Coston	* F. J. Mackey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1881, Sept. 23	M. H. Fitch	Wm. Fullerton	Wm. Woodbury	* P. J. Coston	† Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1882, Sept. 22	R. W. Woodbury	J. P. Maxwell	Horace N. Banks	† Geo. C. Robertia	† Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1882, Sept. 21	J. P. Maxwell	Horace N. Banks	C. H. Jacobson	A. H. Branch	† Francis Gallup	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1882, Sept. 19	Horace N. Banks	Aaron Gove	C. H. Jacobson	A. H. Branch	Aaron Gove	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1882, Sept. 18	Aaron Gove	A. H. Branch	J. H. Peabody	A. H. Branch	J. H. Peabody	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1887, Oct. 8	Aaron Gove	J. H. Peabody	Geo. Wyman	Geo. Wyman	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1887, Sept. 22	J. H. Peabody	Geo. Wyman	S. H. Thompson	S. H. Thompson	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1886, Sept. 21	J. H. Peabody	Geo. Wyman	S. H. Thompson	B. L. Carr	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1886, Sept. 20	Geo. Wyman	S. H. Thompson	S. H. Thompson	B. L. Carr	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1890, June 3	Byron L. Carr	S. H. Thompson	B. L. Carr	A. A. Burnand	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1891, June 2	A. A. Burnand	A. B. McGuffey	A. B. McGuffey	M. J. Lawrence	R. Harvey	Wm. D. Todd	Ed. C. Parmelee
1892, June 1	A. B. McGuffey	Wm. D. Todd	Wm. D. Todd	Wm. W. Rowan	R. Harvey	Geo. Wyman	Ed. C. Parmelee
1892, June 6	Wm. D. Todd	Wm. W. Rowan	E. P. Shove	E. P. Shove	R. Harvey	Geo. Wyman	Ed. C. Parmelee
1894, June 5	Wm. W. Rowan	Engene P. Shove	Geo. J. Dunbaugh	Geo. J. Dunbaugh	J. W. Ohl	Geo. Wyman	Ed. C. Parmelee
1895, June 4				John M. Maxwell	J. W. Ohl	Geo. Wyman	Ed. C. Parmelee

* Dmitted.

† Expelled.

‡ Deceased.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

FROM			TO		
REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE	DATE OF COMMISSION	GRAND COMANDARY	REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE
James S. Lawrence.....	Gunnison	January 20, 1893	Alabama.....	John M. Caldwell	Annisson
Frank H. Young.....	Durango	January 30, 1890	Arkansas.....	Frank Silverman	Pine Bluff
Harper M. Orelwood.....	Denver	March 25, 1879	California.....	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles
Honore N. Banks.....	Pueblo	Decemb'r 16, 1892	Connecticut.....	Fred A. Spencer	Waterbury
Henry M. Teller.....	Central City	Novemb'r 25, 1892	Georgia.....	John H. Sedill	Savannah
Roger W. Woodbury.....	Denver	Decemb'r 17, 1893	Illinois.....	Charles G. Mac	Mattoon
Irving B. Stanton.....	Pueblo	Decemb'r 17, 1893	Indiana.....	S. P. Gillett	Evansville
Albert W. McGaffey.....	Denver	February 15, 1893	Iowa.....	F. H. Loring	Oskaloosa
Engene P. Shove.....	Gunnison	Decemb'r 31, 1892	Kansas.....	Bestor G. Brown	Topeka
Andrew J. Hottel.....	Lamar	Septemb'r 29, 1891	Kentucky.....	Albert H. Gardner	Louisville
Aaron Gove.....	Denver	Decemb'r 24, 1889	Louisiana.....	Frank E. Sleeper	Sabatis
Webster D. Anthony.....	Denver	Novemb'r 25, 1892	Maine.....	C. B. Kiebacker	Baltimore
Benjamin F. Rawlnt.....	Dubois	Decemb'r 1, 1892	Maryland.....	Smith B. Harrington	Wollaston Helg'te
James P. Maxwell.....	Boulder	Decemb'r 21, 1889	Mass. & Rhode Isl'd	Hugh McHardy	Corunna
Henry T. West.....	Greeley	Decemb'r 30, 1892	Michigan.....	Charles L. West	Austin
A. A. Burnand.....	Leadville	January 20, 1890	Minnesota.....	T. G. Birchett	Vicksburg
A. Sengendorf.....	Denver	January 5, 1890	Mississippi.....	David W. Wallace	Independence
Warren M. Fletcher.....	Georgetown	Decemb'r 4, 1889	Montana.....	Anton M. Holter	Omaha
James H. Peabody.....	Cañon City	Decemb'r 31, 1892	Nebraska.....	Gustave Anderson	Omaha
E. L. N. Foster.....	Denver	June 17, 1884	New Hampshire.....	Joseph W. Hildreth	Bordentown
Honore O. Dodge.....	Boulder	June 5, 1889	New Jersey.....	Frederick G. Weise	Manchester
Geo. Wyman.....	Denver	January 2, 1890	New York.....	Perry Stowell	Lockport
William T. Bridwell.....	Canon City	January 1, 1890	North Carolina.....	James D. Glenn	Lockport
Walter G. Adams.....	Pueblo	March 27, 1893	North Dakota.....	Joseph Hare	Greensboro
John M. Maxwell.....	Leadville	April 12, 1892	Oregon.....	Wm. F. Crosby	Bismarck
Frank B. Hill.....	Denver	Novemb'r 25, 1892	Pennsylvania.....	Joshua M. Booth	Cleveland
Geo. N. Atwood.....	Denver	Novemb'r 24, 1892	South Dakota.....	Wm. J. Kelly	Philadelphia
William D. Todd.....	Denver	March 15, 1893	Tennessee.....	Richard C. Lake	Rapid City
Samuel H. Thompson.....	Durango	January 1, 1891	Texas.....	John Martin	Murfreesboro
Richard Harvey.....	Central City	October 1, 1892	Vermont.....	E. H. Miller	Paris
Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Denver	January 18, 1887	Virginia.....	Kittridge Haskins	Brattleboro
James M. Ellison.....	Colorado Springs	Decemb'r 15, 1892	Washington.....	Daniel T. Kyger	Danville
F. A. Hunt.....	Aspen	April 12, 1892	West Virginia.....	E. H. Miller	Walla Walla
M. H. Fitch.....	Pueblo	Decemb'r 25, 1892	Wisconsin.....	Samuel B. Baker	Parkersburg
Byron L. Carr.....	Longmont		Wyoming.....	Wm. H. Hughes	Milwaukee
				Geo. East	Cheyenne

DIRECTORY.

GRAND COMMANDERY	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE	GRAND RECORDER	RESIDENCE	CORRESPONDENT	RESIDENCE
Alabama	Fletcher J. Covart.	Troy	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery	George F. Moore.	Montgomery
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver.	Prescott	Geo. V. Runkruege	Phoenix	A. S. Wait	Phoenix
Arkansas	George P. Taylor.	Forrest City	Thos. H. Curry	Little Rock	P. J. H. Rickon	Little Rock
California	Edward S. Lippitt	Fresno	Thos. H. Caswell	San Francisco	Wm. A. Davies	San Francisco
Canada	Edmund E. Seppard	Toronto	Daniel Spry	London	Henry Robinson	Collingswood
Colorado	William W. Rowan	Ouray	Ed C. Parmelee	Denver	Harold Recorder	Denver
Connecticut	Hugh Sterling	Bridgeport	Ed C. Birdsey	Meriden	Grand Recorder	Macon
Georgia	Paul Woodward	Atlanta	S. P. Hamilton	Stannan	Roland B. Hall	Chicago
Illinois	H. H. Montgomery	Carrollton	Gil W. Bernard	Chicago	John C. Smith	Indianapolis
Indiana	Wm. M. Hindman	Vincennes	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis	N. R. Rockle	Washington
Iowa	David W. Clements.	West Union	Wm. Ogden	Des Moines	J. C. W. Cooke	
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wichita	A. W. Callahan	Copeka	Grand Recorder	Louisville
Kentucky	Samuel H. Stone.	Richmond	R. D. Crundiger	Co. Topeka	J. Q. A. Fellows	New Orleans
Louisiana	Charles F. Rock	New Orleans	Richard Lambart	New Orleans	Grand Recorder	Baltimore
Maine	Fredrick S. Wallis	Vinalhaven	John H. Miller	Baltimore	F. J. S. Goras	Providence, R. I.
Maryland	Wm. H. Martin	Baltimore	B. W. Howell	Boston	Henry W. Rugg	
Mass., & R. Island	Samuel J. Lawrence	Boston	John A. Gerow	Devolt	Grand Recorder	
Michigan	Wm. E. Jewett	Adrian	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul	Grand Recorder	Natchez
Minnesota	H. E. Whitney	Fairbault	J. L. Poyer	St. Louis	E. Gen. DeLap	
Mississippi	F. P. Jenkins	Aberdeen	Wm. H. Mayo	Helena	Grand Recorder	
Missouri	Leslie O. Smith	Marshall	Cornelius Hedges	Omaha	Grand Recorder	Newport
Montana	Michael R. Riley	Butte	Wm. P. Bowen	Concord	A. S. Wait	
Nebraska	Charles E. Finch	Kearney	Geo. P. Cleaves	Trenton	Grand Recorder	Troy
New Hampshire	David V. Moberle	Camden	Chas. Fungtel	Albany	Jesse B. Anthony	Wilmington
New Jersey	James W. Borden	Yonkers	John K. Slater	Wilmington	John C. Chase	
North Carolina	Walter S. Liddell	Charlotte	H. H. Menden	Fargo	E. T. Carson	Cincinnati
North Dakota	Clarence A. Hale	Grand Forks	Frank J. Thompson	Dayton	J. M. Haddon	Portland
Ohio	John A. Warner	Portsmouth	John J. Bell	Eugene	Y. M. Haddon	Pittsburg
Oregon	Philip S. Matcom	Portland	Mont. H. Smith.	Philadelphia	Lee S. Smith.	
Pennsylvania	Edward B. Spencer.	Philadelphia				

DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

GRAND COMMANDERY	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE	GRAND RECORDER	RESIDENCE	CORRESPONDENT	RESIDENCE
South Dakota	Frank A. Brown	Aberdeen	George A. Pettigrew	Bladensburg	Grand Recorder	
Tennessee	Orion L. Hurlbut	Chattanooga	Wilbur P. Foster	Nashville	R. M. Elgin	Houston
Texas	John McDonald	Austin	Robert Brown	Houston	R. Haskins	Brattleboro
Vermont	Stas W. Cummings	St. Albans	W. G. Reynolds	Harrington	Grand Recorder	
Virginia	James W. Corbin	Mass Neck	Wm. B. Isaacs, Jr.	Richmond	Grand Recorder	
Washington	Jorge W. Tyler	Spokane	Yancey C. Blodock	Walla Walla	A. B. White	Parkersburg
West Virginia	W. H. H. Holswade	Huntington	R. C. Cunningham	Patmont	Wm. C. Swain	Milwaukee
Wisconsin	Engene S. Elliott	Milwaukee	John W. Latta	Milwaukee	Grand Recorder	
Wyoming	Frank M. Foster	Evansston	John C. Baird	Cheyenne		
United States	Hugh McCortly	Corunna, Mich.	Wm. B. Isaacs, Jr.	Richmond, Va.		

OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

HUGH McCURDY, Corunna, Mich.....	Grand Master
W. LARUE THOMAS, Danville, Ky.	Deputy Grand Master
REUBEN H. LLOYD, San Francisco, Cala.....	Grand Generalissimo
HENRY B. STODDARD, Bryan, Texas	Grand Captain General
JOSEPH M. McGRATH, Morgan Park, Ills.....	Grand Prelate
GEORGE M. MOULTON, Chicago, Ills.	Grand Senior Warden
HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.	Grand Junior Warden
H. WALES LINES, Meriden, Conn.....	Grand Treasurer
WM. B. ISAACS,* Richmond, Va.....	Grand Recorder
WM. B. MELISH, Cincinnati, Ohio	Grand Standard Bearer
GEORGE C. CONNOR,† Chattanooga, Tenn.....	Grand Sword Bearer
HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver, Colo.	Grand Warden
JOHN A. SLOAN, St. Louis, Mo.....	Grand Captain of the Guard

* Died June 9, 1895, and Wm. B. Isaacs, Jr., appointed.

† Died March 9, 1894.

The Twenty-sixth Triennial will be held in Boston, Mass., August 27, 1895.

CODE OF STATUTES
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

Section 1. This body shall be known and designated as the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

JURISDICTION.

Section 1. Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

OBJECTS.

Section 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Sec. 2. It may therefor make laws, pass regulations and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause annul and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for willful violations of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well-being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

Section 1. The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II., of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first nine of such officers shall be elected and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held in the city of Denver on the first Tuesday of June each year.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES, DUES AND FINANCES.

Section 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the order of Knighthood a sum not less than seventy-five (\$75) dollars.

Sec. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For dispensation, ninety (\$90) dollars, and for charter the further sum of ten (\$10) dollars.

Sec. 3. Each subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five (\$5) dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery, and the further sum of fifty cents annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns to include all work done since the date of their last returns to the first day of the month next preceding the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, a list of officers and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each Annual Conclave. The Recorder of each Commandery shall, immediately after the annual election, furnish the Grand Recorder a list of such officers.

Sec. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Section 1. Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees, of three Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto. These committees shall hold to the close of the session.

Sec. 2. The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next Annual Conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence; also, a committee of three on Necrology.

All deaths of members of our Commanderies and all obituary notices received from other Grand Commanderies shall be reported by the Grand Recorder to the chairman of this committee, with all information possible. This committee shall prepare a report and present the same at each Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of August of each year, for such an amount as may be necessary to pay the dues due from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar.—1876, page 13.

2. Resolved, That this Grand Commandery donates to the M. W. Grand Lodge Library all the Proceedings of its sister Grand Commanderies and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Commandery.—1878, page 18.

3. By Chapter 44 of the Code of Statutes, the Grand Commandery is prohibited from making any change in the uniform as adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1862.

4. The purchase of "uniform" uniforms can best be regulated by the subordinate Commanderies taking the matter under their own immediate control, and making contracts with a particular manufacturer for supplying their wants. And subordinate Commanderies are hereby instructed to see that uniforms hereafter obtained by or for their members be made in every respect according to the statutes of the Grand Encampment.—1882, page 14.

5. Resolved, That the Ritual as promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States at the Triennial Conclave held in 1883, and known as the "Short Form" of Ritual, be and is hereby adopted as the work of said Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.—1885, page 14.

6. That hereafter each application to receive the orders of Knighthood in this jurisdiction shall bear upon its face the following words: "This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected."—1885, page 14.

7. A rejected candidate shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and upon conviction, expelled from the Order.

It is hereby declared to be the duty of the Eminent Commander or Recorder of each Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery to publish this statute to his Commandery whenever a petition for the orders shall be voted upon by his Commandery.—1885, page 15.

8. Resolved, That the advice of Grand Commander Maxwell, in his address, upon the impropriety of establishing new Commanderies unless sufficiently far removed from old Commanderies as not to interfere with their efficiency, receives the hearty endorsement of this Grand Commandery.—1885, page 19.

9. No dispensation shall be issued for Commanderies U. D., without each applicant be clear on the books of his Commandery to date of the next Annual Grand Conclave, or present a dimit.—1886, page 20.

10. Resolved, That the "Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar," by H. B. Grant, be adopted for the use and government of subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.—1886, page 23.

11. Resolved, That hereafter all necessary personal expenses of the Grand Commander and other Grand officers, when on official visits or other duty, be borne by the Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder be and is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of any such Grand officer for the payment of such necessary personal expenses, upon presentation to him of an account of such expenses, approved by the Grand Commander.—1887, page 25.

12. Resolved, That the trophy now belonging to this Grand Commandery may be competed for, in a competitive drill, by any two or more Commanderies of Colorado, to take place at the close of the session of the Grand Commandery each year; said trophy to become the property of the Commandery winning three times; Provided, The rules adopted by the Grand Commandery for the drill of 1887 shall prevail.—1888, page 23.

The rules above referred to are:

First—Each Commandery competing for the prize shall consist of eighteen Sir Knights, two guides and one officer—twenty-one constituting the number.

Second—All movements and manual evolutions to be authorized by Grant's Tactics, pages 11 to 148, inclusive.

Third—Twenty-five minutes shall be allowed each Commandery for executing the movements indicated on card drawn by the officer of that Commandery.

Fourth—The several Commanderies entering for drill shall, through their commanding officer, by lot, determine their time for drill.

Fifth—Three judges to be appointed, who shall be competent Knights Templar, if convenient, living without this jurisdiction, to be selected by the Grand Commander of this jurisdiction.

Sixth—The manual of the sword, movements, evolutions, have been placed on five cards, each card representing a variety of movements, all contained in Grant's Manual between pages 11 and 148, inclusive; cards are numbered one to five consecutively. The movements on each card are noted with the page where they will be found in Grant's Manual; each commanding officer to draw from the judges one of these cards, about face, take command of his Commandery, and in the following twenty-five minutes or less execute all the movements on the card.

13. Resolved, That this Grand Commandery recognizes as Masonry in this State only such organizations as are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Commandery K. T., the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, presided over by Albert Pike and Henry L. Palmer.—1888, page 25.

14. Resolved, That on the evening of the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, that work on the Templar order be conferred by such officers as may be designated by the Grand Commander at the previous Annual Conclave.—1889, page 27.

15. Resolved, That the grand officers and the officers highest in rank representing each chartered Commandery in the jurisdiction shall be allowed their actual traveling expenses going and returning from their place of residence to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.—1889, page 26.

16. All Commanderies are requested to report their members alphabetically.—1890, page 30.

17. Resolved, First—Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day are hereby set apart as days of special observance by the Commanderies and Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, and that they have authority to appear in public, in full Templar uniform, for the observance, by suitable ceremonies, of any one or all of the days herein mentioned, without special dispensation. The Sunday preceding or following Ascension Day may be observed in lieu of Ascension Day by any Commandery desiring so to do.

18. Second--Each Commandery commemorating any of these events with services appropriate to the day shall do so within their respective asylums, or in some church of Christian worship, where practicable. The Recorder thereof shall immediately thereafter report to the Grand Commander which of the days has been observed, the number of Sir Knights in attendance, and a brief description of the ceremonies.—1890, pages 35 and 36; 1894, page 24.

19. It is unlawful for a Sir Knight to represent any subordinate Commandery in this Grand Commandery by proxy other than the one of which he was then a member. Unaffiliation would deprive the Sir Knight of the right to represent by proxy the Commandery of which he was formerly a member.—1890, page 35.

20. "Sir Knights belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction should not apply for dimits in order to sign a petition for dispensation, but they should pay dues to the time of the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and receipts therefor should accompany the petition. Sir Knights not belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction must present dimits with the petition for dispensation."—1891, page 21.

21. "For the purpose of settling the questions that have arisen as to the proper manner of executing the following sword movements, on which authorities disagree, and in order to secure a uniformity in this jurisdiction, with the approval of the Grand Captain General, I courteously suggest the following, and request their adoption by the Commanderies until the next meeting of the Grand Commandery:

DRAW SWORDS.

"At the command, 'Draw,' seize the scabbard with the left hand, near the top, inclining it to the front, seize the grip firmly with the right hand and draw the blade until the right forearm is horizontal across the body, the back of the hand toward the breast.

"Second movement: At the command, 'Swords,' draw the sword, fully extending the arm at an angle of forty-five degrees, the sword extended on the prolongation of the arm, edge down.

"Third movement: Turn the sword and bring it to the position of 'present.'

"Fourth movement: Bring the back of the blade to the right shoulder, the blade nearly vertical, edge to the front, arm nearly

extended, thumb and forefinger embracing the grip, the other fingers extended and joined in rear of the grip (position of carry swords.)

SUPPORT SWORDS.

"At the command, 'Swords,' carry the left hand to the right side near the shoulder, grasping the blade with the thumb and finger of the left hand, a little below the shoulder.

Second movement: With both hands carry the sword to the left side, the right hand firmly grasping the grip near the end, edge of blade to the front, right arm horizontal across the body.

"Third movement: Fold the left arm over the right, fingers embracing the right arm near elbow, the guard resting on the forearm, the blade vertical, edge to the front."—B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 20.

22. That the instructions of the Grand Commander in regard to the manual of the sword be approved.—Adopted June, 1892, page 33.

23. Whereas, We believe that the annual meetings of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, in General Conclave, will greatly enhance the interests and benefits of our Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all Commanderies holding charters or dispensations under this Grand Commandery are hereby cordially invited and earnestly requested to attend the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and that all Sir Knights, members of such Commanderies, are requested to attend such Conclaves in full Templar uniform.—September, 1892, page 24.

24. Whenever any Sir Knight who has served as Eminent Commander in any other jurisdiction wishes to become a member of this Grand Commandery, under the provisions of Subdivision 4 of Section 26, Article 11 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, he shall present a petition, signed by himself, which shall be substantially in the following form:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado:

I would respectfully apply for membership in this Grand Commandery, by virtue of having been Commander of..... Commandery No., located at, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of, and having changed my membership to..... Commandery No., located at, Colorado, a Commandery working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,

(Signed).....

He shall also file with the Grand Recorder a certificate, under seal of the Grand Commandery of which he was formerly a member, setting forth the fact of such membership; also a certificate under seal of the Commandery within this jurisdiction of which at the time of making such application he is a member, setting forth the fact of such membership.

After reference to and report thereon by an appropriate committee, this Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein.—September, 1892, page 21.

25. The Grand Commandery requests each subordinate Commandery to perfect themselves in Grant's Tactics, to be able to compete at the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery for the trophy which this Grand Commandery has already provided.—1893, page 31.

26. Upon the receipt of the Ritual, the Grand Recorder, under the direction of the Grand Commander, will distribute the same to the subordinate Commanderies, with proper rules and instructions for the preservation and delivery of same to succeeding officers, and that the Commanderies be requested to use the new Ritual at once; but in any event all the subordinate Commanderies must be prepared to use the same on and after the first day of January next, as required by the action of the Grand Encampment.—1893, page 31.

27. That the Grand Recorder be instructed and empowered to amend the list of members of the subordinate Commanderies published with the Grand Commandery proceedings, so as to show the members suspended and expelled, at the time of going to press.—1895, page 22.

DECISIONS

NOW IN FORCE, AS APPROVED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

1. Only those who joined in the petition for dispensation, and those who received the orders in the Commandery, compose a Commandery Under Dispensation. New members, other than those who received the orders in the Commandery, can not be received by a Commandery while Under Dispensation.—H. M. Orahood, 1880, page 6.

2. The Recorder should only receive money or its equivalent, and at once deposit it with the Treasurer, and no money should be withdrawn from the Treasurer's hands except by order of the Commander or E. C., when properly authorized.—M. Spangler, 1882, page 7.

3. The Eminent Commander of a Commandery stated by letter that Sir..... J. W., had removed from the State and desired a dimit, but that he did not see how it could be granted. I wrote him to grant the dimit if the Sir Knight was in good standing and his dues were paid.

4. A Commandery U. D. can perform only such acts as are defined in the dispensation, i. e.: To meet as a Commandery and to confer the orders of Knighthood. They can not admit unaffiliated Knights to membership while under dispensation.

5. The Commander of the Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, applied under date of July 5, 1883, for the privilege to act upon a petition for membership prior to the expiration of the required six months from the date of the former rejection of same applicant, on the ground that the member who had cast the only black ball at the previous ballot, dimitted, and the applicant desired to visit San Francisco as a Knight, in August. I decided that the rejection of the applicant was perfectly legal, and there was no good reason why he should not wait the usual period.—M. H. Fitch, 1883, page 5.

To the last decision the Grand Commandery adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which said:

This decision is approved and heartily recommended for the guidance of Grand Commanderies in similar cases in future.—1883, page 10.

6. My correspondence in the nature of advice and instruction to Sir Knights engaged in the starting of new Commanderies has been somewhat extensive, and I report some of the features which may appear trivial to you, for the instruction of such as are not so well informed, and may desire to inaugurate new Commanderies hereafter.

7. Sir Knights engaged in the inauguration of new Commanderies should first of all obtain from the Grand Recorder a copy of the last proceedings of the Grand Commandery, and a copy of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

8. Applications should show from whence the applicants hail.

9. A recommendation of a petition, though of a general character and not specific according to the formula, should be understood as covering all points that are essential for the Grand Commander to know.

10. All papers essential for a dispensation become part of the permanent records of the Grand Recorder's office, and mutilated papers, therefore, cannot be accepted.

11. Promises to forward essential papers at some future period after the issuance of dispensation are useless. The papers must be supplied in advance.

12. Labored assertions to the Grand Commander that applications are correct and ought to be satisfactory should be avoided as superfluous and bordering on impertinence.

13. Petitions must be endorsed by the nearest Commandery, and not necessarily by the most convenient.

14. The officers of a Commandery Under Dispensation can not be installed, but, on receipt of their authority, assemble the Sir Knights, read the same, open a Commandery and proceed to work.

15. The Grand Commander can not take five or six Sir Knights to visit a neighboring town, there open a Commandery and make enough Knights to apply for a dispensation, and no Grand Commander would do so if he could.

16. All signers to the application for dispensation, and all Knighted in that Commandery, have the right to vote on petitions in a Commandery Under Dispensation.

17. The three principal officers of a Commandery Under Dispensation, as such, can not form and open a Commandery for the transaction of business as three Sir Knights hailing from three different Commanderies, under the sanction of a warrant from some Grand Commandery.

18. Question: "Can a non-affiliate in Lodge and Chapter receive the orders in Colorado?" Answer in full: "The Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States declares it unnecessary for an applicant for the orders to be a member of Lodge or Chapter; yet another section declares that expulsion or suspension from his Masonic rights by Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. The Grand Lodge of Colorado has a law that all non-affiliates not making application for membership within twelve months shall be deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry. A Grand Master's ruling on this has been approved by Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge, that the penalty for non-affiliation can be inflicted only after charges and trial. There is, therefore, no law to prevent the orders being conferred on a non-affiliated Master and Royal Arch Mason. Yet, if such person has been a non-affiliated Master for twelve months, he is every day living in opposition to a Grand Lodge law, for which he is liable at any moment to be placed under charges and convicted, in which event he would be deprived of all rights and privileges in his Commandery and of all intercourse with the Order. Therefore, while the non-affiliate is eligible for the orders, if not deprived of his Masonic rights, it is certainly not prudent to confer them upon him during existing Grand Lodge laws."—R. W. Woodbury, 1884, pages 6 to 9.

19. A member can not interpose an objection to the conferring of the order in the midst of the ceremony, for reasons that existed prior to the initial steps.—J. P. Maxwell, 1885, page 10.

20. The E. C. of No. 16 asked how his Commandery should proceed to confer the orders of Knighthood upon a candidate elected to receive them in No. 8.

I replied:

There are two methods:

First—Upon request of No. 8, in which event all fees would belong to No. 8, and to which the candidate would regularly belong when created, and to become a member of No. 16 it would

be necessary for him to dimit from No. 8 and join by affiliation. In that case a dispensation from the Grand Commander, empowering No. 16 to confer the orders would be necessary before you could proceed. (See Title 44, Section 1, of Code of Grand Encampment.)

Second—Upon a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of No. 16 by No. 8, granted by unanimous vote, and a petition in due form presented to your Commandery, accompanied by such waiver, which petition would take the same course as other petitions for the orders, and when created the candidate would be a member of No. 16. The fee paid No. 8 at the time of making the application for the orders would in this case belong to that Commandery.—J. H. Peabody. 1890, page 18.

21. A by-law providing for a summary suspension of members without previous trial and conviction is in violation of the Code of Statutes and of a well known general principle of law.

22. A petition was received, unaccompanied by the fee, but the payment was guaranteed; the fee was paid before ballot. I decided that the petition was regularly before the Commandery.

23. A Commandery desiring to celebrate any of the Templar festivals or any other than the regular festival days would require a dispensation to enable them to do so.—B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 24.

24. A petition that stated that affiant "had not made previous application here" is insufficient, as it does not contain the information required by Section 1 of Title 45 of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and that it could be ordered laid on the table or returned to the petitioner, as might be thought best.

25. It is immaterial whether the application for waiver be made by the applicant or by the Commandery; the better course would be for the applicant to secure the waiver himself, and attach it to the petition.—B. L. Carr, September, 1892, page 8.

26. A Commandery has the right to try an affiliated Sir Knight belonging to a sister Commandery, for an offense committed within its territorial jurisdiction.—A. B. McGaffey, 1894, page 11.

27. That one of our Commanderies was authorized to confer the orders on a candidate temporarily sojourning in their midst, at the request of a Commandery in another jurisdiction, which had elected him to receive them; and that our Commandery would be entitled to only such fees collected or charged as the other Commandery might see fit to send it; and the candidate became a member of the other Commandery, on compliance with its by-laws.—W. D. Todd, 1895, page 11.

UNIFORM.

The uniform of a Knight Templar, as adopted and prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Colorado at the Annual Conclave in 1888.

FULL DRESS.

Black frock coat, black pantaloons, sword, belt, shoulder straps, gloves, gauntlets and chapeau.

COAT.

The coat shall be of black broadcloth, single-breasted, the skirts to extend from two-thirds to three-fourths the distance from the hip joint to the bend of the knee.

There shall be a row of nine flat black cloth buttons on the breast, equal in distance one from the other, four buttons on the back and skirt, two at the hip and one at the lower end of each side edge; two smaller buttons of the same kind on the lower seam at the wrist.

The side edges to extend two-thirds the length of the skirt.

A stand-up collar of the same material as the coat, not less than one nor more than one and one-half inches in height, square corners in front and slope up and backwards slightly.

The edges plain, the lining black.

An appropriate cross may be worn on the outside of the cuff.

It is not intended to make the wearing of the regulation coat obligatory. A frock coat of black cloth in the usual style may be worn. But Sir Knights hereafter procuring uniforms shall conform to the foregoing requirements.

PANTALOONS.

Of black broadcloth or doe-skin.

SWORD.

To be thirty-four to forty inches long, inclusive of scabbard; helmet head, cross handle and metal scabbard, with cross of proper grade one inch in height.

a. For Sir Knights: White metal scabbard suspended by three white metal rings; hilt black, ornamented with Passion Cross.

- b. Eminent and Past Eminent Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated, with Passion Cross on white ivory hilt.
- c. Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated; Templar Cross on white ivory hilt.
- d. The hilt may have the owner's monogram on one side.

BELT.

Red enameled or patent leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, fastened around the body with a clasp.

- a. For Sir Knights: Color, vermillion red; the belt to be stitched in double rows with white silk; clasp of white metal, plain, oval shaped, with Passion Cross on face of clasp.

(N. B.—Commanderies may have name and number on face of clasp, providing all members wear the same.)

Two short barrel chains of white metal to support the sword, and a third chain to extend from left button on back of coat to lower ring of scabbard; chain supported by metal slides from the belt, with a hook on which to hang the sword at the belt on the front side.

- b. Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above, with gilt clasp, one strip of gold lace in center of belt, half inch wide, and gilt chains for carrying sword.

- c. Officers of Grand Commandery, so long as they remain in office: Same as above, except a Templar Cross on belt clasp, and two strips of gold lace, one-quarter of an inch wide, on upper and lower edge of belt.

- d. Past Grand Commanders: Same as above, except three strips of gold lace, one-quarter of an inch wide, proportionately divided.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

To be such as are set forth and described in the edict of 1862, and subsequent amendments of the Grand Encampment, and can be worn only by officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders, Past Commanders, Generalissimos and Captains-General.

INSIGNIA OF OFFICE.

As the Statutes of the Grand Encampment forbid the use of shoulder straps by any officer of a Commandery under the rank of Captain-General, it is hereby ordered that such subordinate officers be entitled to wear an embroidery in silver on both sleeves, between the elbow and shoulder, designating the office they respectively bear. Said embroidery to be two inches square.

The wearing of jewels, coats of arms or badges of any kind other than those strictly Masonic is prohibited in any public display of the Order.

GLOVES.

Shall be of buff lisle thread.

CHAPEAU.

a. For Sir Knights: The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, two black and one white ostrich plumes; red velvet Passion Cross on left side, in black satin rosette. The front and rear peaks of chapeau to be extended four and one-fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at head.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: The same, except gold Passion Cross and rays.

c. Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders: Same, with embroidered gold Templar Cross in red velvet.

CAP.

For Commanders, Past Commanders and officers of the Grand Commandery: To be of black cloth, three inches in height, with straight visor and rounded points; around the base of the cap to be a band of gold lace, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side a gold button, fastening a double gold cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond with the cross on the chapeau.

For Sir Knights and Officers below the rank of Commander: To be of the same style and material as that worn by a Commander; the gold band to be omitted and in place of same to be a band of black silk webbing, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side to be a silver button, fastening a double silver cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond with the cross on the chapeau.

All caps to have glazed covers for service in stormy weather.

CROSSES.

Sir Knights, Commanders and Past Commanders of subordinate Commanderies will wear the Passion Cross.

Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders, the Templar Cross.

On the side of the chapeau, to be three inches in height; on the sword, one inch; on the gauntlet, two inches.—1888, page 18.

Resolved, That all the Commanderies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, which are now fully equipped with ivory-hilted swords, may continue their use in the equipment of newly-made Knights, but that the newly Knighted of Commanderies which are not so equipped, and all those Knighted in new Commanderies shall conform strictly in all its particulars to the Statutes of this Grand Commandery entitled "Uniform," as adopted at the Annual Conclave in 1888.—1890, page 29.

FORMS.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir.....,
Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and, that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at, and to be known as Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir..... to be the first Commander; Sir..... to be the first Generalissimo, and Sir..... to be the first Captain-General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at....., in the county of....., and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of the R. E. Grand Commander, the statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment and the usages of the Order.

Date.....

The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order, and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.00.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of.....
Commandery No., Knights Templar, stationed at.....,
Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing; that I received the degrees of E. A., F. C., and M. M. in Lodge No., located at, and am now a member of Lodge No., located at.....; that I received the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A.

In Chapter No., located at....., and am now a member of..... Chapter No. ..., located at.....; and that I am desirous of receiving the several orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

(Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.)

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Commandery, within a period of four months.

I was born, A. D., at..... My residence is; my occupation is.....

Dated at..... Colo.,, A. D. 18..

We recommend Companion to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

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(The candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information save that he has been rejected.)—See Standing Order 7.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report.....

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....., Colo.,, A. D. 18.. A. O.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of.....
Commandery No. .., Knights Templar, stationed at.....
Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar and late a member of..... Commandery No. .., stationed at....., as appears by my dñmit, herewith presented, dated.....; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Commandery within a period of four months.

I was born....., A. D....., at.....; my
residence is.....; my occupation is.....
....., Colo., A. D. 18.., A. O. 77..

We recommend Sir..... to the favorable consid-
eration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

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The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the
within petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the
trust confided to them, and report:

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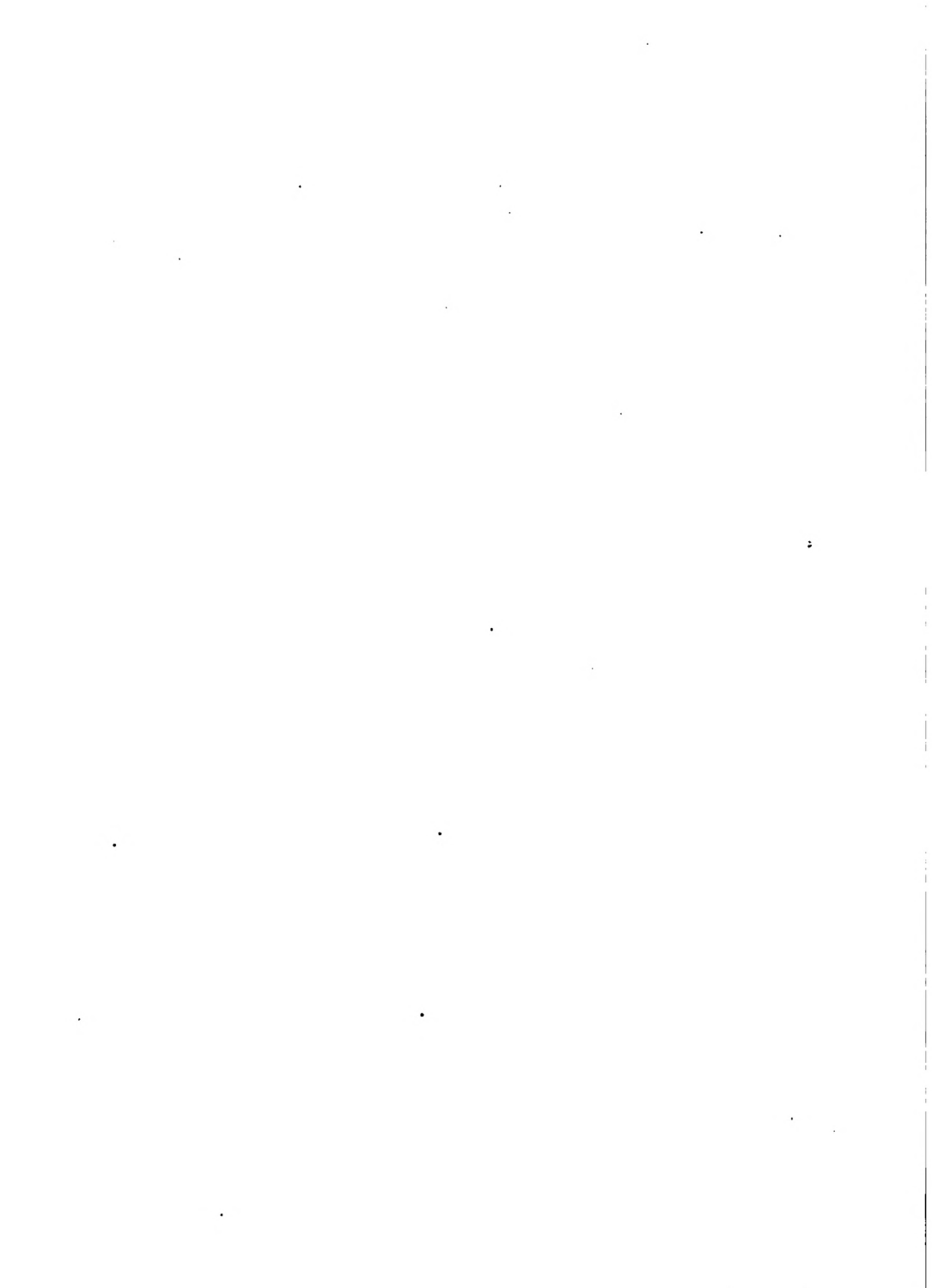
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1895-1896.

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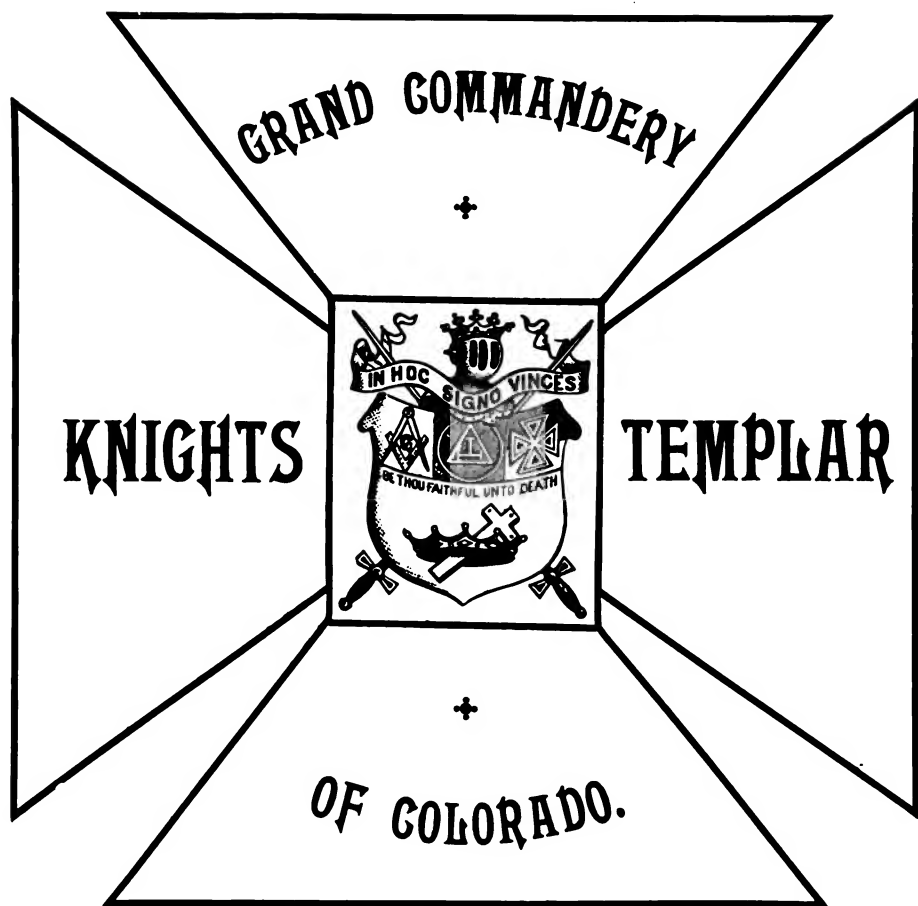
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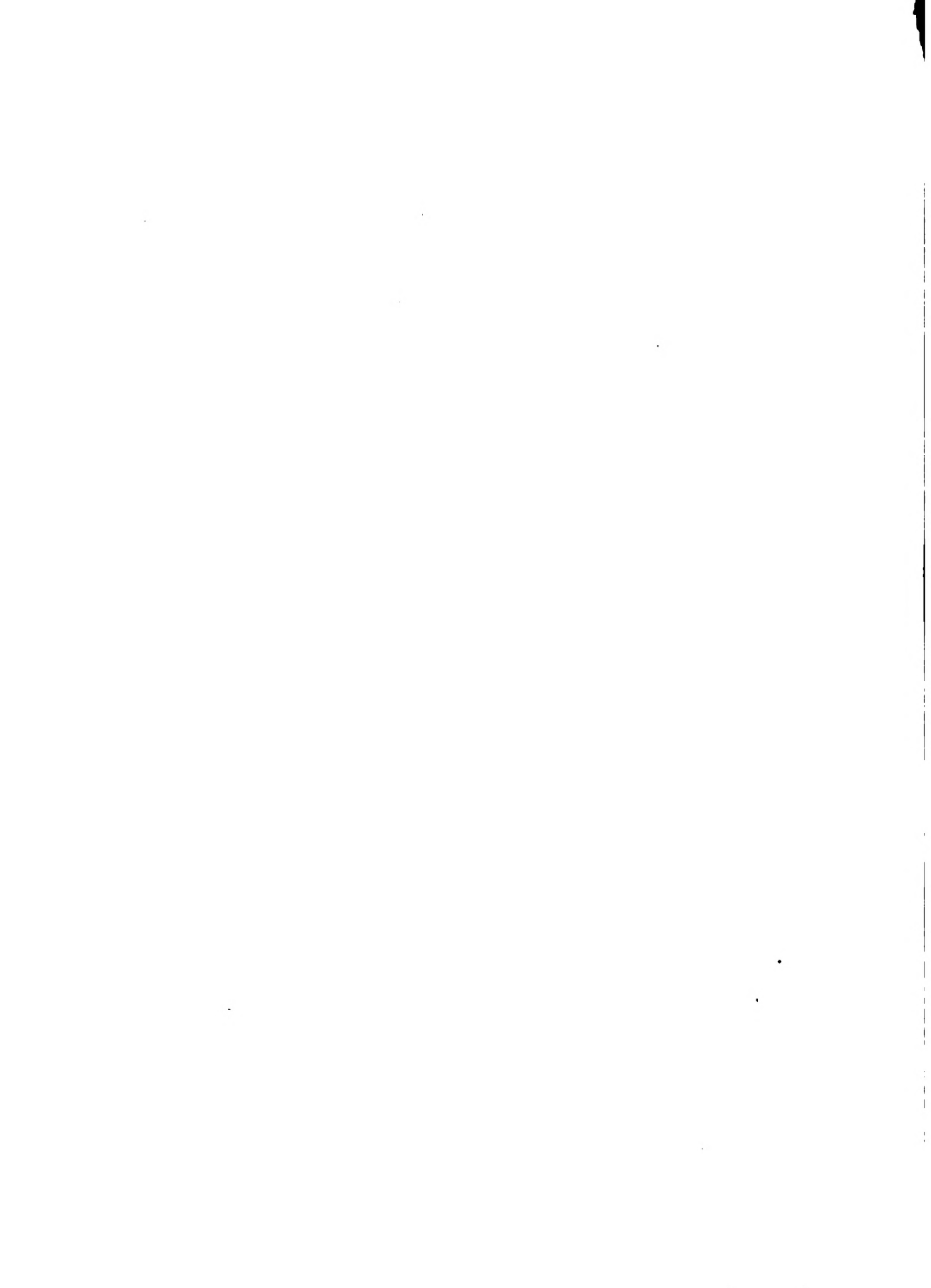
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AT ITS
Twenty-first Conclave,

HELD AT DENVER,

JUNE 2, A. D. 1896.

A. O. 778.

GRAND OFFICERS 1896-1897.

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE, 1896.

Denver, Colo., June 2, 1896.

The officers and members of the Grand Commandery assembled at the Brown Palace Hotel, whence they were escorted by Colorado Commandery No. 1 to the Asylum in the Masonic Temple, where the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in its Twenty-first Annual Conclave, at 10 o'clock a. m., with the following Grand Officers present:

WILLIAM W. ROWAN	G. C.
EUGENE P. SHOVE	D. G. C.
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH	G. G.
JOHN M. MAXWELL	G. C. G.
JOHN WALLIS OHL	G. Pre.
HARRY A. LEE	G. S. W.
JULIUS B. BISSELL	G. J. W.
WILLIAM D. TODD	as G. Treas.
ED. C. PARMELEE	G. Rec.
GEORGE W. ROE.	G. Standard B.
ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER	as G. Sword B.
ED G. ARNOLD	G. Warder.
THOMAS LINTON	G. C. of Guard.

And Representatives from twenty-two chartered
Commanderies, all but Nos. 12 and 15.

OPENED.

The Grand Commandery was opened in ample form by the R. E. Grand Commander.

CREDENTIALS.

E. SIR THE GRAND RECORDER (25),

E. SIR ED G. ARNOLD (1),

E. SIR JETHRO C. SANFORD (11)

Were appointed as a Committee on Credentials.

The report of the committee shows the following officers and members were present during the session:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Colorado:

Your Committee on Credentials fraternally report that they find the following Sir Knights present and entitled to seats and votes:

GRAND OFFICERS.

WILLIAM W. ROWAN (16)....R. E. Grand Commander.

EUGENE P. SHOVE (8).V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH (3)....E. Grand Generalissimo.

JOHN M. MAXWELL (5)....E. Grand Captain General.

JOHN WALLIS OHL (17).....E. Grand Prelate.

HARRY A. LEE (16)E. Grand Senior Warden.

JULIUS B. BISSELL (25)E. Grand Junior Warden.

ED. C. PARMELEE (25).....E. Grand Recorder.

GEORGE W. ROE (9)E. Grand Standard Bearer.

ED G. ARNOLD (1).....E. Grand Warder.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Past Grand Commanders.

IRVING W. STANTON,

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,

JAMES M. STRICKLER,

MICHAEL SPANGLER,

BYRON L. CARR,

ALPHONSE A. BURNAND,

ALBERT B. McGAFFEY,

WILLIAM D. TODD.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMANDERIES.

(Those present in <i>Italics</i> .)		PROXIES.
COLORADO No. 1, DENVER.		
<i>Wesley J. Gibbs</i>	E. C.	
<i>William D. Peirce</i>	G.	
<i>Arthur E. Jones</i>	C. G.	
CENTRAL CITY No. 2, CENTRAL CITY.		
<i>George W. Mabce</i>	E. C.	<i>William J. Lewis.</i>
<i>Richard Harvey</i>	G.	
<i>William J. Lewis</i>	C. G.	
PUEBLO No. 3, PUEBLO.		
<i>Charles W. Bowman</i>	E. C.	
<i>John J. Willard</i>	G.	<i>Walter L. Dorland.</i>
<i>Bishop D. V. Reeve</i>	C. G.	<i>Charles W. Bowman.</i>
GEORGETOWN No. 4, GEORGETOWN.		
<i>Warren M. Fletcher</i>	E. C.	
<i>Jesse M. Copeland</i>	G.	
<i>Thomas Bennett</i>	C. G.	<i>Warren M. Fletcher.</i>
MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS No. 5, LEADVILLE.		
<i>George P. Brown</i>	E. C.	<i>Daniel McNiven.</i>
<i>David LaSalle</i>	G.	
<i>Charles E. Dickinson</i>	C. G.	<i>Charles Cavender.</i>
PIKE'S PEAK No. 6, COLORADO SPRINGS.		
<i>Ernst M. Lotz</i>	E. C.	
<i>William H. Reed</i>	G.	
<i>Frank P. Davis</i>	C. G.	
MOUNT SINAI No. 7, BOULDER.		
<i>James L. Morehead</i>	E. C.	
<i>Charles A. Russell</i>	G.	
<i>Albert T. Henry, Sr.</i>	C. G.	
GUNNISON No. 8, GUNNISON.		
<i>John A. Steele</i>	E. C.	<i>Osmer H. Atkine.</i>
<i>John E. Brothers</i>	G.	<i>Osmer H. Atkine.</i>
<i>Michael Monahan</i>	C. G.	<i>Osmer H. Atkine.</i>
CANON CITY No. 9, CANON CITY.		
<i>George W. Bethel</i>	E. C.	
<i>Daniel A. Bradbury</i>	G.	<i>George W. Bethel.</i>
<i>Charles Pauls</i>	C. G.	
GREELEY No. 10, GREELEY.		
<i>Sharon Atkinson</i>	E. C.	
<i>William Mayhew</i>	G.	
<i>LeBarron Willard</i>	C. G.	<i>Sharon Atkinson.</i>
IVANHOE No. 11, DURANGO.		
<i>Peter L. Hansen</i>	E. C.	<i>Jethro C. Sanford.</i>
<i>George Weaver</i>	G.	<i>Jethro C. Sanford.</i>
<i>John W. Wingate</i>	C. G.	<i>Jethro C. Sanford.</i>

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES.

LONG'S PEAK No. 12, LONGMONT.

Not represented.

DE MOLAY No. 13, FORT COLLINS.

<i>James B. Arthur</i>	E. C.	
<i>Leander Giddings</i>	G.	
<i>Alfred A. Edwards</i>	C. G.	<i>Andrew Armstrong.</i>

ASPEN MOUNTAIN No. 14, ASPEN.

<i>George C. Vickery</i>	E. C.	
<i>Richmond H. Fisher</i>	G.	<i>George C. Vickery.</i>
<i>James M. Dills</i>	C. G.	<i>George C. Vickery.</i>

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE No. 15, ALAMOSA.

Not represented.

OURAY No. 16, OURAY.

<i>William W. Ashley</i>	E. C.	<i>Albert Jeffers.</i>
<i>George C. Pierce</i>	G.	<i>Wm. H. Fournell.</i>
<i>Albert Jeffers</i>	C. G.	

SALIDA No. 17, SALIDA.

<i>William W. Roller</i>	E. C.	
<i>Charles G. Johnson</i>	G.	<i>John W. Ohl.</i>
<i>Fred. W. Brush</i>	C. G.	<i>William W. Roller.</i>

ORIENTAL No. 18, TRINIDAD.

<i>William M. Mahin</i>	E. C.	<i>D. R. Callaway.</i>
<i>John B. Hershey</i>	G.	<i>D. R. Callaway.</i>
<i>John F. Sherman</i>	C. G.	<i>D. R. Callaway.</i>

MONTROSE No. 19, MONTROSE.

<i>Sterling S. Sherman</i>	E. C.	
<i>George H. Smith</i>	G.	<i>Sterling S. Sherman.</i>
<i>John M. Reynolds</i>	C. G.	<i>Sterling S. Sherman.</i>

GLENWOOD SPRINGS No. 20, GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

<i>Charles W. Durand</i>	E. C.	<i>Marshall H. Dean.</i>
<i>William Dougan</i>	G.	<i>Marshall H. Dean.</i>
<i>George H. Moulton</i>	C. G.	<i>Marshall H. Dean.</i>

AKRON No. 21, AKRON.

<i>Cyrus H. Phelps</i>	E. C.	
<i>Adam J. Johnson</i>	G.	<i>Cyrus H. Phelps.</i>
<i>James N. Counter</i>	C. G.	<i>Cyrus H. Phelps.</i>

PALESTINE No. 22, LA JUNTA.

<i>Edwin J. Smith</i>	E. C.	
<i>James B. Pearce</i>	G.	<i>Edwin J. Smith.</i>
<i>George H. Winchell</i>	C. G.	<i>Elias W. Kearby.</i>

TEMPLE No. 23, GRAND JUNCTION.

<i>Lawrence M. Miller</i>	E. C.	<i>John J. Lumsden.</i>
<i>Edward F. Eldridge</i>	G.	
<i>John J. Lumsden</i>	C. G.	

DENVER No. 25, DENVER.

<i>Darius A. Barton</i>	E. C.	<i>Fred. C. Smutzer.</i>
<i>Jerome A. Vickers</i>	G.	<i>Arthur F. Harlow.</i>
<i>Henry Falke</i>	C. G.	

GRAND COMMANDERY.

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PAST COMMANDERS.

Not otherwise reported.

- NO. 1.—HENRY C. FROST,
LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF.
NO. 3.—WALTER G. ADAMS,
WALTER L. DORLAND.
NO. 4.—JOHN F. PHILLIPS,
WILLIAM E. BARTON.
NO. 5.—DANIEL McNIVEN,
CHARLES CAVENDER.
NO. 6.—JAMES B. SEVERY.
No. 9.—WILLIAM T. BRIDWELL,
LINVILLE J. HALL.
NO. 11.—JETHRO C. SANFORD.
NO. 20.—MARSHALL H. DEAN,
CHARLES A. LEE.
NO. 25.—FRANK B. HILL,
ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER,
GEORGE N. ATWOOD,
CHARLES H. WOOD.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

California, Harper M. Oranhood.
District of Columbia, John W. Ohl.
Indiana, Irving W. Stanton.
Iowa, Albert B. McGaffey.
Kansas, Eugene P. Shove.
Mississippi, Alphonse A. Burnand.
Montana, Warren M. Fletcher.
New Hampshire, Ernest LeNeve Foster.
North Carolina, William T. Bridwell.
North Dakota, Walter G. Adams.
Ohio, Frank B. Hill.
Oregon, John M. Maxwell.
Pennsylvania, William D. Todd.
South Dakota, George N. Atwood.
Texas, Richard Harvey.
Vermont, Ed. C. Parmelee.
Washington, Walter L. Dorland.
Wyoming, Byron L. Carr.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Representatives from other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Colorado were introduced and cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Harper M. Orahood (25), Past Grand Commander, Grand Representative from California, made suitable response.

REGRETS.

Letters of regret at their inability to be present were presented from R. E. Sir James H. Peabody (9), Past Grand Commander, and E. Sir Henry T. West (10), Past Commander, and ordered placed on file.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees:

ON FINANCE.

E. SIR WILLIAM W. ROLLER (17),
E. SIR FRANK B. HILL (25),
E. SIR WALTER L. DORLAND (3).

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

R. E. SIR ALPHONSE A. BURNAND (5),
E. SIR ERNEST L. N. FOSTER (25),
SIR ALBERT JEFFERS (16),

ON PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. E. SIR ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY (1),
SIR WILLIAM D. PEIRCE (1),
E. SIR WILLIAM T. BRIDWELL (9).

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

E. SIR ERNEST M. LOTZ (6),
E. SIR STERLING S. SHERMAN (19),
E. SIR WARREN M. FLETCHER (4).

ON JURISPRUDENCE (TO FILL VACANCY).

E. SIR JOHN M. MAXWELL (5).

ADDRESS.

The R. E. Grand Commander delivered the following:
Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

In compliance with our By-Laws we have met, after an elapse of twelve months, in this our Twenty-first Annual Conclave, and upon this occasion it is expected that your Grand Commander should render unto this grand body an account of the official acts performed by him during that time.

I have used my utmost endeavors to discharge the duties incumbent upon this office faithfully and to the best of my ability. If I have failed or erred in any way, it was an error of the head and not of the heart, and I trust you will forgive.

I have sent forth the white-winged messenger to visit every Grand jurisdiction. It has returned bearing the olive branch, thereby proclaiming that peace and harmony exists with this Grand jurisdiction and every one throughout the realm. No discord or strife exists within our immediate border, and the proud flag of a chivalrous Templarism floats triumphantly over twenty-four contented asylums.

Owing to hard times, scarcity and uncertainty of money, our membership has not increased as it should, and yet we have little to complain of, for we have dubbed and created seventy-four this year.

NECROLOGY.

Death, the insidious monster, has not invaded our Grand Commandery. The allwise and omnipotent God, in his infinite mercy, causes me not to be ungrateful of His manifold blessings, and to render thanks to Him that our lines present a solid phalanx and remain unbroken.

That He, in His wisdom, has seen fit to call to that eternal resting place many from our Subordinate Commanderies and from sister Grand jurisdictions, I have no doubt, but our Eminent Grand Recorder will accord them a fitting tribute in the archives of this Grand Body.

I have issued the following order:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER.

Ouray, Colo., March 10, 1896.

General Order No. 1.

To the Subordinate Commanderies under this Jurisdiction:

Believing as I do that proficiency in military discipline and efficiency in drill are essential to good Templarism, I send this

communication to the several Commanderies throughout this Grand jurisdiction with the sincere hope that it may engender sufficient interest and awaken an ample amount of pride, so as to cause each Commandery to organize within itself a drill squad for the purpose of competing for the beautiful trophy the Grand Commander offers.

Page 134, Proceedings of the Grand Commandery, 1895:

"Resolved, That the trophy now belonging to this Grand Commandery may be competed for, in a competitive drill, by any two or more Commanderies of Colorado, to take place at the close of the session of the Grand Commandery each year; said trophy to become the property of the Commandery winning three times; Provided, The rules adopted by the Grand Commandery for the drill of 1887 shall prevail.—1888, page 23."

The rules referred to may be found in all the Grand Commandery Proceedings since 1887.

Now, Sir Knights, I trust that the interest I have taken and the effort I have made in the cause of Templarism will not go unrewarded, and when the Grand Commandery meets at Denver, June 2, 1896, you will be there to compete for the beautiful trophy that will adorn any asylum of Knights Templar. Make it one gala reunion day, and by so doing I believe it will redound to our mutual welfare. Furthermore, by so doing you will place your Grand Commander under lasting obligations.

Commanderies desiring to participate will notify the Grand Commander not later than May 20, 1896.

Eminent Sir—You will cause this communication to be read at the head-of-the-lines at your next regular conclave.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery this tenth day of March, 1896.

W. W. ROWAN,
Grand Commander.

Attest: ED. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Recorder.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have recommended the appointment of the following Sir Knights as Grand Representatives:

FROM	SIR KNIGHT	ADDRESS	DATE OF COMMISSIONS
Alabama	James S. Lawrence	Gunnison	February 18, 1896
Connecticut	Horace N. Banks	Pueblo	November 29, 1895
District Columbia	John Wallis Ohl	Salida	May 11, 1896
Georgia	Henry M. Teller	Central City	January 13, 1896
Illinois	Roger W. Woodbury	Denver	February 10, 1896
Indiana	Irving W. Stanton	Pueblo	
Indian Territory	George A. Scott	Ouray	February 18, 1896
Iowa	Albert B. McGaffey	Denver	December 2, 1895
Kansas	Eugene P. Shove	Colorado Springs	
Maine	Webster D. Anthony	Denver	November 29, 1895
Maryland	Benjamin F. Rawalt	Dubois	
Minnesota	Henry T. West	Greeley	November 29, 1895
Nebraska	James H. Peabody	Canon City	November 29, 1895
New Jersey	Horace O. Dodge	Boulder	January 22, 1896

FROM	SIR KNIGHT	ADDRESS	DATE OF COMMISSIONS
New York.....	George Wyman.....	Denver.....	January 10, 1896
North Dakota.....	Walter G. Adams.....	Pueblo.....	February 11, 1896
Ohio.....	Frank B. Hill.....	Denver.....	November 29, 1895
Oregon.....	John W. Maxwell.....	Leadville.....	February 27, 1896
Pennsylvania.....	William D. Todd.....	Denver.....	January 10, 1896
South Dakota.....	George N. Atwood.....	Denver.....	
Vermont.....	Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Denver.....	November 28, 1895
Washington.....	Walter L. Dorland.....	Pueblo.....	January 29, 1896
West Virginia.....	Frederick A. Hunt.....	Aspen.....	November 28, 1895
Wisconsin.....	Michael H. Fitch.....	Pueblo.....	January 10, 1896
Wyoming.....	Byron L. Carr.....	Longmont.....	January 9, 1896

All being reappointments except to District Columbia, Indian Territory and Washington.

On the proper recommendations I have caused commissions to be issued to the following Sir Knights, as the Representatives of this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commanderies of:

Alabama.....	John H. Disque.....	Gadsden.....	February 22, 1896
District Columbia.....	Resin W. Darby.....	Washington.....	May 1, 1896
Indian Territory.....	James J. McAlester.....	McAlester.....	May 1, 1896
New York.....	R. A. M. Deeley.....	Hudson.....	December 7, 1895
Oregon.....	W. T. Wright.....	Union.....	March 3, 1896
Pennsylvania.....	Samuel B. Dick.....	Meadville.....	December 10, 1895
South Dakota.....	Marion D. Paxon.....	Rapid City.....	November 14, 1895
Washington.....	Cornelius Driscoll.....	Seattle.....	May 1, 1896

I suggested the name of R. E. Past Grand Commander Byron L. Carr as a member from Colorado on the staff of the Chief Marshal, R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, of the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, which met in Boston, August 27, 1896. He was duly appointed, and served in a becoming and Knightly manner.

I have appointed, owing to the absence of our Grand Treasurer from this jurisdiction, R. E. Sir W. D. Todd, to act as Grand Treasurer at this Conclave.

DISPENSATIONS.

Denver No. 25—To ballot upon Companions S. S. Dobbins and J. H. Carson, at a special Conclave, July 23. Petitions having been laid over the allotted time, but upon the expiration of said time no quorum presented itself, hence no meeting.

Colorado No. 1—To appear in full Templar uniform, August 21, for the purpose of attending a reception tendered them by California Commandery No. 1, in Denver, Colorado.

Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5—To spread ballot on the petition of Companions J. H. Milton and W. B. Felker, February 5. Petition had not laid over the required thirty days, but as it was

the time of my official visit to that Commandery, and being anxious to witness their work, hence the dispensation.

Colorado No. 1—To appear in full Templar uniform, June 30, and to act as an escort to the Grand Master of Masons, William D. Peirce, to Boulder, Colorado; it being the occasion of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at that place.

Mount Sinal Commandery No. 7, Boulder—To appear in full Templar uniform, and to act as an escort to the Grand Lodge of Masons; it being the occasion of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Boulder, Colorado, June 30, 1896.

Canon City Commandery No. 9—To confer the degrees of Knighthood upon John Samuel Redford, who was elected by Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Said dispensation is in compliance with a request from Pilgrim Commandery to Canon City Commandery, March 20, 1896.

Colorado No. 1—To confer the order of the Temple and Malta upon Charles Hatfield, a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, in compliance with request from Pueblo No. 3, April 21, 1896.

Denver No. 25—To spread the ballot, and, if elected, to confer the Order of Red Cross and Temple upon Companion Verne A. Lewis, at a called Conclave to be held April 28, 1896; it being the occasion of my official visitation, and my desire to see the work performed by said Commandery.

DECISIONS.

A dimitted Knight Templar has the right to apply for membership wherever he may elect.

One or two other decisions asked for, but referred them to the law as found in our statutes.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

I have been creditably informed that the following Commanderies attended divine service on Christmas Day:

Colorado No. 1.	Canon City No. 9.
Central City No. 2.	Ouray No. 16.
Pueblo No. 3.	Salida No. 17.
Georgetown No. 4.	Oriental No. 18.
Pike's Peak No. 6.	Palestine No. 22.

These Sir Knights drank the health of our Grand Master, William Larue Thomas, and some of your humble servant, for which please accept sincere thanks.

EASTER OBSERVANCE.

I have been creditably informed that the following Commanderies attended divine service on Easter Day:

Colorado No. 1 and Denver No. 25 together, 101 Sir Knights.
Pueblo No. 3, 32 Sir Knights,
Pike's Peak No. 6, 20 Sir Knights.
Mount Sinai No. 7, 44 Sir Knights.
Canon City No. 9, 39 Sir Knights.
Greeley No. 10, 27 Sir Knights.
DeMolay No. 13, 29 Sir Knights.
Aspen No. 14, 18 Sir Knights.
Ouray No. 16 (myself included), 30 Sir Knights.
Salida No. 17.
Oriental No. 18, 18 Sir Knights.
Palestine No. 22, 25 Sir Knights.

ASCENSION DAY OBSERVANCE.

Colorado No. 1 and Denver No. 25 together, 50 Sir Knights.
Pueblo No. 3, 24 Sir Knights.
Glenwood Springs No. 20, 16 Sir Knights.

Now, Sir Knights, I very much approve of the observance of Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day. Our Order is founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of Christian virtues, and I know of no way better calculated to impress upon the outside world our Christian principles than by attending in a body divine services. I trust the good work will go on, and each year your Grand Commander will read with much satisfaction of the increased number that are willing to comply with the principles of our Order.

VISITATIONS.

When I started on my pilgrimage of inspection it was my intention to visit every Commandery within this Grand Jurisdiction. I was prevented from visiting one, from the fact that on its regular meeting night most of its members were visiting in another town. And another, when I forwarded my notice of visitation, I received an answer that it was not on a regular meeting night.

Others I would have visited, but was compelled to return home, and requested some of my brother officers to visit in my stead, which they did in a becoming and courteous manner, and their reports are hereto appended.

On November 22, I visited Pueblo No. 3. Was received and treated most loyally. Work in the Order of the Temple.

December 6, Montrose No. 19. Work in the Order of the Temple.

February 19, Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5. No work.

February 20, Canon City No. 9. Work in the Order of the Temple, and work performed perfectly.

April 1, Colorado No. 1. Work in the Order of the Temple.

April 23, Central City No. 2. No work.

April 27, Mount Sinai No. 7. Work in the Order of the Temple.

April 28, Denver No. 25. Work in the Order of the Temple.

April 29, Salida No. 17. No work, but drill.

May 2, Georgetown No. 4. No work.

May 14, Temple No. 23. Work in the Order of the Temple.

May —, Ouray No. 16. Work in the Order of the Temple.

These visitations have been a source of extreme pleasure to me, for I met with the Sir Knights of the state, shook them by the hand, looked into their bright eyes, and exchanged words of greeting.

Some of the Commanderies are not in a very flourishing condition, whilst others are most prosperous; but, on the whole, I will say that the Commanderies of this jurisdiction are in a good and flourishing condition, and I believe, Sir Knights, that the clouds of adversity are fast rolling away, and are being supplanted by the bright sun rays of prosperity and happiness, and this year will record an era of prosperity in Templarism excelled only by the triennial year, 1892.

Wherever I visited I was received as becoming the high office I hold, and in each case treated in a Knightly and courteous manner, and, Sir Knights, I will never be able to return the thanks your acts merit.

I also visited Boston, and, as your Representative, attended the Twenty-sixth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, accompanied by P. E. C. William J. Fine, proxy for V. E. Sir Eugene P. Shove, our D. G. C.; Eminent Sir George J. Dunbaugh, G. G.; Eminent Sir John M. Maxwell, G. C. G.; Eminent Sir E. G. Arnold, G. Warder; Past Grand Commanders, H. M. Orahood, Albert B. McGaffey, Alphonse A. Burnand and Byron L. Carr.

Our headquarters were at the Victoria Hotel, where we kept open house for three days and nights. The duties were somewhat arduous, but all lent a helping hand, and each tried to do his best in the entertainment of visitors, and their name was legion.

I was also accompanied by seventy as vallant and magnanimous Knights as ever drew a glittering blade or marched under

that beautiful and flowing plume so characteristic of the Templar Mason. Through the long and tedious march, under the marshalship of our gallant Grand G. C. G., they manifested their devotion to Knighthood and their fealty and allegiance to the Grand Commandery by not uttering a single murmur of discord or discontent, and to the remaining 1,600 Sir Knights of this jurisdiction let me hold up this gallant little band as an incentive for them to emulate their self-sacrifice and devotion to the cause of Templarism and the maintenance of the dignity of the Grand Commandery of Colorado. I wish to especially thank this little band, for I am very, very proud of them.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that a Sir Knight, a member of this jurisdiction, be appointed by the Grand Commander, to be known as "Official Drill Master," whose duty it will be to visit the Commanderies throughout the state and give them such instructions in military tactics as they shall require, and as compensation for such services he shall receive \$10 per day and necessary traveling expenses, the same to be paid by the Commandery employing him.

Second—That the request from Colorado Commandery No. 1 be complied with, in that the command in Grant's tactics be so changed from "swords port" to "port swords."

Third—That the request from Ouray Commandery No. 16 be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and that their action be final.

CONCLUSION.

In returning the laurel wreath of authority that you honored me with one year ago, the one I have worn with so much pleasure to myself, and I trust with honor to this Grand body, I assure you that I do so with some degree of reluctance. Having attained the summit of my Masonic ambition; having occupied the highest position in your power to bestow, I feel that when I assume the position of high private in the rear ranks my field of usefulness will be somewhat circumscribed, hence my regret.

To my associate Grand officers, I want to return my sincere thanks and high appreciation of the many acts of kindness, uniform courtesy and Knightly consideration I have received from them. I have found them ever ready to assist me with good advice, and they have responded, as become true and courteous Knights, to every demand I have made upon them; but how utterly devoid of gratitude would I be did I not return especial

thanks to our Eminent Grand Recorder, Ed. C. Parmelee, commonly known as "Our Ed.," and I think he well merits the title, for he is everybody's Ed., always the same genial, kind-hearted, true Knight, ever willing to assist me with his wise counsel in the discharge of my many perplexing duties. May the good Lord keep him with us for a long time yet, for his place would be hard to fill.

And to the Grand Commandery I want to return thanks for the honor conferred, and assure them that I will ever appreciate and think of it as the highest compliment of my life.

And, Sir Knights, my reign will soon be over, and the sceptre of authority I now hold will pass into the hands of one whom, I am confident, is worthy of any compliment or honor you may bestow upon him, but in parting let me admonish you to

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death;
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

And may the awakening from that dream find you in possession of your reward in Heaven, consequent upon a well-spent Templar life on earth.

May you be fondly nestled in the bosom of the blessed Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, the great Captain of our salvation, and there with him to dwell forever in realms of life and light eternal.

Courteously,

WM. W. ROWAN,
Grand Commander.

Denver, May 18, 1896.

Win. W. Rowan, Grand Commander, Knights Templar, Colorado,
Ouray, Colorado:

Right Eminent Sir—Pursuant to your order on Thursday evening, May 15, 1896, I made an official visit of inspection to Greeley Commandery No. 10, stationed at Greeley, Colorado. I was met at the depot and escorted to the asylum, where I was received with the honors due your representative. A thorough inspection of the lines and review was had, also the rehearsal of words through and across the lines, together with the rehearsal of duties,

all of which was executed in a satisfactory manner. There being no work, the time was spent in giving such advice and instruction as seemed necessary and profitable. I found the records in good condition, and the finances in very satisfactory shape—no debts, and a snug cash balance in treasury.

Greeley Commandery has large, commodious quarters, the asylum being especially large and well suited for military drill, and I strongly urged that this part of Templarism receive more attention, and explained the action of the Grand Commandery in offering a trophy for the best drilled corps of Sir Knights.

The exercises of the evening concluded with a banquet, where the usual good fellowship prevailed. During the time of toast and song, the matter of military drill and an Annual Conclave was introduced by visiting Sir Knights from Pennsylvania and Iowa, who related the good results from such meetings in their respective jurisdictions. On motion to ascertain the sense of the Greeley Commandery in regard to taking favorable action and advocating an Annual Conclave and competitive drill in Colorado, the motion prevailed unanimously, and I was assured that the Greeley Commandery would soon have a drill corps under active instruction.

On Saturday evening, May 16, I made an official visit of inspection to De Molay Commandery No. 13, stationed at Fort Collins, Colorado, where I was received with the hospitality and courtesy due your representative and the Grand Commandery.

The Commandery was opened in full form. There being no work, a thorough inspection of the lines and review was had, also the rehearsal of words through and across the lines. After which considerable time was spent in giving such advice and instruction as seemed essential. The records and finances are in excellent condition.

De Molay Commandery has fine quarters for drill, and the Sir Knights were unanimously in favor of an Annual Conclave of Colorado Sir Knights and competitive drill. The evening's entertainment was closed very pleasantly with a banquet prepared for the occasion.

In conclusion, permit me to say that I have made effort to discharge my full duty as your Inspecting Officer, in accordance with your instructions. For the many courtesies you have extended me I desire to thank you, and trust you may always recall with pleasure the arduous, yet pleasant, duties of your past official year.

Courteously yours,

HARRY A. LEE,
Grand Senior Warden.

Pueblo, Colorado, May 18, 1896.

W. W. Rowan, Grand Commander, K. T. of Colorado:

Right Eminent Sir—In accordance with your instructions I visited officially, on the evening of Wednesday, May 6, 1896, Oriental Commandery No. 18, stationed at Trinidad, Colorado, and beg leave to report to you that I find Oriental Commandery in a most flourishing condition, and the Sir Knights of Trinidad enthusiastic Templars. A stated Conclave of the Commandery was held on the evening of my visit, and while no degrees were conferred, three petitioners for the orders were duly elected.

In conformity to your instructions, I duly installed Eminent Sir James L. Bridge as Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, Eminent Sir John H. Guilfoil acting as Grand Marshal.

A banquet was served after closing, at which the Sir Knights certainly proved themselves most hospitable entertainers, and I desire to extend my thanks to them for courtesies shown me as your representative.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very courteously yours,

GEO. J. DUNBAUGH.

Grand Generalissimo.

Colorado Springs, Colo., May 27, 1896.

W. W. Rowan, Grand Commander, Knights Templar, Colorado:

Right Eminent Sir—As directed by you I made official visitation to Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, stationed at Colorado Springs, on Thursday evening, May 21, 1896. Much regret was expressed in that you could not visit them, yet, as your deputy, I was received with true Knightly courtesy. There was no work on hand.

Very courteously yours,

E. P. SHOVE,

Deputy Grand Commander.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion, the address was referred to a special committee.

E. Sir Charles W. Bowman (3),

R. E. Sir Albert B. McGaffey (1),

R. E. Sir Alphonse A. Burnand (5)

Were appointed said committee.

REPORT.

The committee afterwards presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander, report that they have carefully examined the same, and courteously report as follows:

We recommend that all the official acts reported therein be approved by this Grand Commandery. That that part of his address referring to decision be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. That this Grand Commandery approve the recommendation that the Grand Commander appoint a Sir Knight, duly qualified, to be known as Official Drill Master, whose duty it shall be, when requested, to visit any Commandery in the state, and give such instruction as they shall require in Templar work and tactics, and as compensation for such service he shall receive \$5 per day and necessary traveling expenses, the same to be paid by the Commandery employing him. That the recommendation of the Grand Commander, that the request from Colorado Commandery No. 1 be approved, be adopted by this Grand Commandery, and that the command in Grant's tactics be changed from "swords port" to "port swords." That the recommendation that the request from Ouray Commandery No. 16 be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and their action be final, be approved by this Grand Commandery. That the diligence and zeal of our Grand Commander, shown by his numerous visitations to and inspections of the Subordinate Commanderles of this jurisdiction, merits the commendation of this Grand Commandery, and the emulation of future Grand Commanders. That the thorough preparation, watchful care and Knightly courtesy of our Grand Commander having added much of pleasure to our trip to and sojourn in Boston during the Conclave of 1895, that this Grand Commandery return its heartfelt thanks to him for his labor and trouble, and express the hope that he may live to attend many more such gatherings.

CHAS. W. BOWMAN.
A. B. MCGAFFEY.
A. A. BURNAND.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The following was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

WM. D. TODD, ACTING GRAND TREASURER GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR, COLORADO.

June 4, 1895—To balance as per report.....	\$2543 61	
To Grand Recorder	226 15	
Grand Recorder	77 50	
Grand Recorder	100 00	
Grand Recorder	304 80	
Grand Recorder	17 40	
Interest on \$1000 bond.....	25 00	
Grand Recorder	917 00	
Grand Recorder	112 00	
By Warrant No. 145	\$10 00	
Warrant No. 146	300 40	
Warrant No. 147	125 00	
Warrant No. 148	500 00	
Warrant No. 149	82 40	
Warrant No. 150	100 00	
Warrant No. 152	456 00	
Warrant No. 153	150 00	
Warrant No. 154	100 00	
Warrant No. 155	82 50	
Warrant No. 156	4 75	
Warrant No. 157	47 05	
Warrant No. 158	600 00	
Warrant No. 159	12 00	
Warrant No. 160	2 50	
Warrant No. 161	5 60	
Warrant No. 162	7 50	
Warrant No. 163	24 00	
	<u>\$2669 70</u>	
June 2, 1896—Balance.....	1653 76	
	<u>\$4323 46</u>	<u>\$4323 46</u>

For which find certified checks for balance, \$1,653.76, and vouchers for disbursements, and \$1000 of the bonds of the Masonic Temple Association.

Courteously submitted,

WM. D. TODD,
Acting Grand Treasurer.

Denver, June 2, 1896.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

The following was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of Colorado:

For my twentieth annual report as your Grand Recorder, I submit the following:

All the Commanderies have made report and paid dues. Colorado No. 1, Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, Gunnison No. 8, Greeley No. 10, Long's Peak No. 12, Rio Grande Del Norte No. 15 did not do so within the time required by our Statutes.

I have received from R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, chairman, the report of the Triennial Committee, Boston, 1895, and have placed the same in the Grand Lodge library.

Pueblo No. 3 is the only Commandery that has replied to the resolution adopted last year in reference to furnishing each Sir Knight in the jurisdiction with a copy of our printed proceedings.

The obituary notices received during the year have been handed to the chairman of the Committee on Necrology.

I have received:

No.	COMMANDERY	WHEN PAID	Members	Created	Amount
1	Colorado.....	June 2, 1896	430	7	\$250 00
2	Central City.....	May 6, 1896	38	----	19 00
3	Pueblo.....	May 8, 1896	112	6	80 50
4	Georgetown.....	May 25, 1896	23	----	11 50
5	Mount of the Holy Cross.....	May 28, 1896	69	8	47 50
6	Pike's Peak.....	May 15, 1896	97	5	73 50
7	Mount Sinai.....	May 14, 1896	95	12	107 50
8	Gunnison.....	May 28, 1896	39	----	19 50
9	Canon City.....	May 1, 1896	78	10	89 00
10	Greeley.....	May 26, 1896	39	----	19 50
11	Ivanhoe.....	May 6, 1896	44	----	23 00
12	Long's Peak.....	June 1, 1896	55	----	27 50
13	DeMolay.....	May 11, 1896	58	1	34 00
14	Aspen Mountain.....	April 30, 1896	38	2	29 00
15	Rio Grande Del Norte.....	June 1, 1896	29	----	14 50
16	Ouray.....	May 16, 1896	69	5	59 50
17	Salida.....	May 14, 1896	47	4	41 50
18	Oriental.....	April 24, 1896	57	6	58 50
19	Montrose.....	May 20, 1896	39	1	24 50
20	Glenwood Springs.....	May 11, 1896	24	----	12 00
21	Akron.....	April 18, 1896	34	----	17 00
22	Palestine.....	May 23, 1896	36	6	48 00
23	Temple.....	May 6, 1896	27	2	23 50
25	Denver.....	May 13, 1896	70	4	55 00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Balance (see page 19, 1895 proceedings).....	\$365 50
Union Pacific Railway Company	50 00
Returned (Triennial account)	66 80
Interest Masonic Temple Association note	226 15
Interest Masonic Temple Association bonds	42 40
H. M. Orahood (Triennial account)	96 00
Dues from Commanderies for 1896	1185 00
Total	\$2030 85

I have paid:

To Grand Treasurer, July 12, 1895.....	\$226 15
To Grand Treasurer, August 21, 1895.....	77 50
To Grand Treasurer, October 2, 1895.....	100 00
To Grand Treasurer, November 23, 1895.....	304 80
To Grand Treasurer, , 1895.....	17 40
To Grand Treasurer, May 27, 1896.....	917 00
To Grand Treasurer, , 1896.....	25 00
To Grand Treasurer, June 1, 1896.....	112 00
Balance on hand (money received since the Grand Commandery opened this morning).....	251 00
Total	\$2030 85

I have drawn warrants on our Grand Treasurer:

DATE	IN FAVOR OF	ON ACCOUNT OF	NO.	AMOUNT
1895				
June 4.....	Thomas Linton	Services	145.....	\$10 00
June 4.....	Grand Treasurer.....	Pay Roll.....	146.....	360 40
June 4.....	Grand Recorder.....	Contingent Expenses	147.....	125 00
June 4.....	Grand Recorder.....	Services	148.....	500 00
June 6.....	Grand Recorder.....	Grand Encamp't Dues	149.....	82 40
July 1.....	The Bohm-Bristol Co.....	Jewel	150.....	100 00
July 12.....	Grand Treasurer.....	Masonic Temple Bonds	151.....	1000 00
Aug. 1.....	W. F. Robinson & Co.....	Printing	152.....	456 00
Aug. 16.....	The Carson-Harper Co.....	Triennial	153.....	150 00
Aug. 19.....	Harlow & Davis.....	Triennial	154.....	100 00
Aug. 20.....	Solis Cigar Co.....	Triennial	155.....	82 50
Aug. 20.....	Roberts Stove & Hardware Co.....	Triennial	156.....	4 75
Aug. 21.....	George G. Slater	Triennial	157.....	47 05
Aug. 22.....	H. M. Orahood.....	Triennial	158.....	600 00
.....	Union Sign Co.....	Triennial	159.....	12 00
Aug. 23.....	Parkinson-Wallace China Co.....	Triennial	160.....	2 50
.....	T. J. Morrison.....	Triennial	161.....	5 60
Sept. 12.....	The Carson-Harper Co.....	Triennial	162.....	7 50
1896				
Jan. 18.....	The Smith-Brooks Printing Co.....	Christmas Services.....	163.....	24 00
May 25.....	Grand Commander.....	Expenses	164.....	148 00
Total				\$3817 70

TRIENNIAL EXPENSES.

Total amount of warrants drawn.....	\$1025 45
There was refunded on various accounts.....	211 80
Leaving the total amount expended	\$813 65

A detailed statement of the contingent expenses of this office, also of the expenses of the Triennial Committee, is herewith submitted.

Courteously submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Commander Sir Harper M. Orahood (25) presented the Report on Correspondence, which was ordered published with our Proceedings. (See Appendix.)

NECROLOGY.

E. Sir L. N. Greenleaf (1) presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Necrology would respectfully submit the following report:

Through the gracious providence of our Heavenly Father, whose shield of defense has been over us the past year, we are again permitted to assemble within our Grand asylum with unbroken ranks. The lives of our past and present Grand officers, and those of the members of this Grand Commandery, have been mercifully spared. May our hearts bow in reverend acknowledgment of this manifestation of divine favor, and may the lives thus spared be dedicated anew to His service and to deeds of loving kindness and more exalted usefulness.

While respite has been granted us, there have come dread alarms at the doors of our Subordinate Commanderies, and many a beloved Knight has been summoned by the invisible messenger to the city of the Great King. As each was thus called to lay aside his earthly armor, let us fondly hope that he was invested with the shining raiment of righteousness, and passed into the presence of the blessed Emmanuel, there to receive the reward of a well spent life—the crown immortal.

"As shadows cast by cloud and sun
Flit o'er the summer grass,
So, in Thy sight, Almighty One,
Earth's generations pass.
And as the years, an endless host,
Come swiftly pressing on,
The brightest names that earth can boast,
Just glisten and are gone."

From the Grand Encampment of the United States we have received the mournful intelligence of the death of V. E. Sirs James Sorley, Past Grand Captain General, and William B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder. The fame of the latter was wide spread. He was made a Mason in 1842, and for upwards of half a century he took an active interest in all branches of Masonry. He was Past Grand Commander of Virginia, and at the time of his death Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, which positions he had held for many years.

From other Grand jurisdictions we have received announcements of the death of distinguished fraters as follows:

California—R. E. William C. Belcher, Past Grand Commander. He was also Grand Master in 1862-3-4.

Indiana—R. E. Erville B. Bishop, Past Grand Commander.

Michigan—E. Sir Robert B. McKnight, Grand Senior Warden.

Montana—E. Sir Richard O. Hickman, Past Grand Treasurer. He was the first Grand High Priest at the organization of the Grand Chapter of that jurisdiction in 1891.

New York—R. E. Thomas C. Chittenden, Past Grand Commander.

North Carolina—E. Sir Edward M. Nadal, Past Deputy Grand Commander.

Ohio—R. E. Henry H. Tatem, Past Grand Commander.

Pennsylvania—R. E. Grant Weldman, Past Grand Commander.

Virginia—R. E. William B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander, and Rev. George W. Dame, D. D., Grand Prelate.

These lamented fraters fought the good fight in their several jurisdictions, and exerted a noble and wide spread influence over the lives of their fellow men.

" 'Some day!' we say, and turn our eyes
Toward the fair hills of Paradise.
Some day, some time, a sweet new rest
Shall bloom, flower-like, within each breast.
Some day, some time, our eyes shall see
The faces kept in memory.
Some day their hands shall clasp our hands
Just over in the morning lands.
Some day our ears shall hear the song
Of triumph over sin and wrong.
Some day, some time; but oh! not yet;
But we shall wait, and not forget
That some day all these things shall be,
And rest be given you and me.
Companions wait; though years move slow,
The happy time will come, we know."

Resolved, That to the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Grand Commanderies of California, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia we tender our profound and Knightly sympathy for the great and irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of distinguished and beloved fraters.

Resolved, That pages be suitably inscribed in our proceedings as follows: "To the memory of deceased fraters in this jurisdiction," and "To the memory of deceased fraters in other Grand jurisdictions." Of each departed frater be it said, with solemn questioning:

"Who calls thee dead?

Dead? As a knight is when he doth but lay
Aside his armor, with the battle won;
Dead as a knight is who hath gone away,
In better mail, beneath another sun,
To urge far fiercer battles in the fray
'Twixt right and wrong, where thou canst clearly see
The lives which often, in their mortal clay,
Were hidden in smoke of struggle. We
Think only of the palpitating soul,
That longed to strike the tyrant down, and see
The weak uplifted and the sick made whole.
The king hath touched thy shoulder with his sword
Again, Sir Knight, and bidden thee once more arise;
And thou hast hearkened to the royal Lord.
Go up, go up unto thy well-won skies,
While we stay here and think and talk of thee.
Until we, too, shall have our summons hence;
So, by thy name make men love chivalry.
And dare do right without mean thought of consequence."

Courteously submitted,

LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF,
IRVING W. STANTON,
CHAS. CAVENDER.

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock
p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, June 2, 1896, 2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor.

R. E. Grand Commander Rowan presiding.

AMENDMENT TO COMMANDERY BY-LAWS.

An amendment to section 6 of the By-laws of Denver Commandery No. 25, relating to pay of the Recorder, was presented and, on motion, was approved.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V. OF CODE.

E. Sirs John M. Maxwell (5) and Harry A. Lee (16) offered the following:

Resolved, That section 1 of article V. of the Code of Statutes of this Grand Commandery be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The Annual Conclaves of this Grand Commandery shall be held on the first Tuesday of June in each year, at such place within the state of Colorado as may be selected at the preceding Annual Conclave.

R. E. Sir William D. Todd (25) offered the following amendment to said amendment:

To amend section 1, article V. of our Code as follows:

Section 1. The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held in the city of Denver on Friday, after the third Tuesday in September in each year.

Amendment to amendment lost.

Amendment lost, by a vote of 44 to 30, not two-thirds voting in the affirmative.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following, which was adopted, and a warrant ordered drawn on the

Grand Treasurer for \$394.25, the amount of said pay-roll:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of your Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, beg leave to report that they have examined said reports and find them correct. And that there is now in the treasury of the Grand Commandery \$1,653.76, for which certified checks are presented.

We further report the following sums to be paid the Sir Knights named as traveling expenses.

WM. W. ROLLER.

F. B. HILL.

W. L. DORLAND.

REPORT AS TO ACTUAL TRAVELING EXPENSES.

G. C., William W. Rowan	\$ 8.00
D. G. C., Eugene P. Shove	4.50
G. G., George J. Dunbaugh	7.00
G. C. G., John M. Maxwell	20.00
G. Pre., John Wallis Ohl	16.00
G. Std. B., George W. Roe	7.50
No. 2, Richard Harvey	3.05
No. 3, Charles W. Bowman	7.00
No. 4, Warren M. Fletcher	3.70
No. 5, David LaSalle	20.00
No. 6, Ernst M. Lotz	6.00
No. 7, James L. Morehead	2.00
No. 8, Osmer H. Alkine	17.90
No. 9, George W. Bethel	13.00
No. 10, Sharon Atkinson	2.80
No. 11, Jethro C. Sanford	47.80
No. 13, James B. Arthur	5.50
No. 14, George C. Vickery	24.00
No. 16, Albert Jeffers	34.60
No. 17, William W. Roller	16.00
No. 18, D. R. Callaway	18.10
No. 19, Sterling S. Sherman	25.00
No. 20, Marshall H. Dean	24.00
No. 21, Cyrus H. Phelps	9.00
No. 22, Edwin J. Smith	15.80
No. 23, John J. Lumsden	36.00
Total	<u>\$394.25</u>

REPORT ON RETURNS AND WORK.

The following was read, and on motion adopted:

Your Committee on Returns and Work have examined the returns from all the Subordinate Commanderies, twenty-four in number, and find them correct with the following exceptions:

Pueblo No. 3 has not reported or paid dues on Chas. Hatfield, who was dubbed and created, April 21, 1896, by Colorado Commandery No. 1, at the request of Pueblo No. 3, and consequently they owe \$5.50.

Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5 pays on 65 instead of 69 members in 1896, and also reports Chas. Hayden as having been created in 1895, so that dues are owing on him for that year, making total indebtedness \$2.50.

Salida No. 17 reports 47 members, but pays on only 43. It therefore owes \$2.

The name of Melchoir Klingender, an inmate of the insane asylum, is omitted from the list of members of Ivanhoe No. 11, and no dues paid on him.

The following Commanderies have failed to give dates of suspensions, dimits and deaths: Nos. 5, 10, 15 and 21.

A. A. BURNAND.

ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER.

ALBERT JEFFERS.

TACTICS.

R. E. Sir Byron L. Carr (12) offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Commander shall appoint a committee of three members of this Grand Commandery to revise the drill regulations, which committee shall have power to make such changes in "Grant's Tactics" as shall make them conform as nearly as practicable to the United States drill regulations; and that such changes be reported to the Grand Recorder, and when approved by the Grand Commander the same shall be communicated to the several Commanderies in such form as to be conveniently pasted into the Tactics.

R. E. Sir Byron L. Carr (12).

E. Sir Harry A. Lee (16).

E. Sir Charles H. Wood (25).

Were appointed said committee.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN UNIFORM.

E. Sir Charles W. Bowman (3) offered the following:

The following addition is made to the uniform of a Knight Templar, as adopted and prescribed at the Annual Conclave of 1888, to-wit:

BALDRIC.

To be five inches in width, of white moire antique watered silk, bound with black silk velvet, on inner edge of which shall be one row, one-fourth inch wide, of silver or gilt wire lace; on breast, silver plated or hand embroidered nine-pointed star, inclosing passion cross, surrounded by the motto, "In Hoc Signo Vinces;" lining of heavy green gros grain silk, with scarlet Greek cross.

Provided, That the wearing of the baldric shall not be made obligatory except upon public parade.

C. W. BOWMAN.

The motion to adopt was declared lost on a vote of 31 to 26, not two-thirds voting in the affirmative.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

R. E. Sir Albert B. McGaffey (1), for the committee, verbally reported progress and, on motion, the committee was granted further time.

JURISDICTION OVER IDAHO SPRINGS.

The following was read and, on motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your committee, to whom, at the last Annual Conclave, was referred the matter of giving jurisdiction over the town of Idaho Springs to Georgetown Commandery No. 4, respectfully report that Sir Knight Irving W. Stanton, having requested to be excused from said committee, and the other members being members of the Commanderies interested, request that the matter be referred back to the Grand Commandery for its action, without recommendation.

RICHARD HARVEY,

Central City Commandery No. 2.

W. M. FLETCHER,

Georgetown Commandery No. 4.

PETITION AMENDED.

E. Sir Warren M. Fletcher, of No. 4, asked and was granted permission to amend the petition filed in this matter, so that the request should be for concurrent jurisdiction instead of for absolute jurisdiction.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY NO. 6.

R. E. Sir Byron L. Carr (12) offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, It has been represented to this Grand Commandery by the Eminent Commander of Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, that Eminent Sir _____, Past Commander of said Commandery, has been convicted in the civil courts of an offense against the law, and is now in the penitentiary at Canon City, and that no charges having been preferred against him in his Commandery, and he still remains in good standing as a member thereof, and consequently is still a member of this Grand Commandery;

And whereas, This Grand Commandery has full jurisdiction to inquire into the social and Knightly standing of all its members; therefore,

Resolved, That the matter as so reported be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with directions to examine into the facts, and report to the Grand Commandery at this session what, if any, action should be taken by the Grand Commandery in the premises.

THANKS.

E. Sir Harry A. Lee (16) offered the following, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1 for their escort duty to this Grand Commandery, and the Grand Recorder is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to said Commandery.

WARRANTS ORDERED DRAWN.

E. Sir Harry A. Lee (16) offered the following, which was adopted and warrants ordered drawn as therein recommended:

Resolved, That the sum of \$500 be appropriated to Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder, for services for the past year, and the sum of \$150 for the contingent expenses of his office, and the sum of \$10 to Sir Thomas Linton, Grand Captain of the Guard, for services at this Annual Conclave.

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following:

To the Grand Commandery:

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the question of jurisdiction of Templar material in the town of Rico, as between Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11 and Ouray Commandery No. 16, report that jurisdiction of the Templar material of said town of Rico, under Templar law, is vested in Ouray Commandery No. 16, but that by consent of the Representatives it is ordered that said two Commanderies have concurrent jurisdiction of said town until the further order of this Grand Commandery.

We further report that, under Templar law, jurisdiction of Idaho Springs is vested in Central City Commandery No. 2, and that the petition of Georgetown Commandery No. 4 be not granted.

Your committee approves the R. E. Grand Commander's decision as to admitted Templars making application for membership.

Courteously submitted,

W. D. TODD,

A. B. McGAFFEY,

JOHN M. MAXWELL,

Committee.

E. Sir Warren M. Fletcher (4) moved to amend the report so as to give Georgetown Commandery No. 4 concurrent jurisdiction with Central City Commandery No. 2 over the town of Idaho Springs, which motion was declared out of order.

The report was then adopted by a vote of 34 to 3.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ANNUAL ELECTION.

Sir Knights Walter L. Dorland (3), William H. Fourrell (16), Charles A. Lee (20), and Frank B. Hill (25) were appointed to collect the ballots.

The ballot resulted in the election of

Sir Eugene P. Shove (8), R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir George J. Dunbaugh (3), V. E. Grand Commander.
Sir John M. Maxwell (5), E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir Harry A. Lee (16), E. Grand Captain General.
Sir John Wallis Ohl (17), E. Grand Prelate.
Sir Julius B. Bissell (25), E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir George W. Roe (9), E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir William D. Todd (25), E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir Ed. C. Parmelee (25), E. Grand Recorder.

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The following report was presented and, on motion, adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the matter of a member of this Grand Commandery and a member of Pike's Peak Commandery, who is now said to be serving a term in the penitentiary of the state of Colorado, under a sentence of a criminal court of this state, respectfully recommend, as instructed by this Grand Commandery, that a commission, consisting of Sir Knights Carr, Atwood and Severy, be appointed to thoroughly investigate such matter, and report its conclusions to the R. E. Grand Commander, who shall act in the premises as he may be advised; and we further recommend that Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6 has been derelict in this matter, and merits the discipline of this Grand Commandery for its non-action.

W. D. TODD.
JOHN M. MAXWELL.
A. B. MCGAFFEY.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read:

Sir Ed G. Arnold (1), E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir William J. Fine (8), E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir James B. Severy (6), E. Grand Warder.
Sir Thomas Linton (1), E. Grand Captain of the Guard.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand officers elected and appointed, excepting the Grand Sword Bearer and the Grand Warder, who were not present, were installed by the R. E. Grand Commander, William W. Rowan, and assumed their stations, R. E. Sir Albert B. McGaffey acting as Grand Marshal.

R. E. Grand Commander Eugene P. Shove returned thanks for the honor conferred on him in a very neat speech.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

The R. E. Grand Commander presented a Past Grand Commander's jewel to R. E. Sir William W. Rowan, our retiring Grand Commander, who returned thanks in appropriate terms.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. E. Sir James H. Peabody (9), Canon City.
R. E. Sir Albert B. McGaffey (1), Denver.
R. E. Sir William W. Rowan (16), Ouray.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Sir Harper M. Orahod (25), Denver.
R. E. Sir Alphonse A. Burnand (5), Leadville.
E. Sir—Marshall H. Dean (20), Glenwood Springs.

ON NECROLOGY.

E. Sir Lawrence N. Greenleaf (1), Denver.
R. E. Sir Irving W. Stanton (3), Pueblo.
E. Sir Warren M. Fletcher (4), Georgetown.

MINUTES READ.

The minutes of the Conclave were read and approved.

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commandery adjourned, to meet in Denver, Tuesday, June 1, 1897.

EUGENE P. SHOVE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:



Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATUTES.

FORMS.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following named jurisdictions:

Alabama	35th Annual Conclave	May 8, 1895
Arizona	3d Annual Conclave	November 13, 1895
Arkansas	23d Annual Conclave	April 16, 1895
California	37th Annual Conclave	April 18, 1895
Canada	12th Annual Conclave	August 23, 1895
Connecticut	68th Annual Conclave	March 19, 1895
Florida	1st Annual Conclave	August 15, 1895
Georgia	34th Annual Conclave	April 17, 1895
Illinois	39th Annual Conclave	October 22, 1895
Indian Territory	1st Annual Conclave	December 27, 1895
Indiana	41st Annual Conclave	April 17, 1895
Iowa	33d Annual Conclave	July 9, 1895
Kansas	26th Annual Conclave	May 14, 1895
Kentucky	48th Annual Conclave	May 15, 1895
Louisiana	52d Annual Conclave	February 15, 1895
Maine	44th Annual Conclave	May 9, 1895
Maryland	25th Annual Conclave	November 26, 1895
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	90th Annual Conclave	October 31, 1895
Michigan	39th Annual Conclave	May 21, 1895
Minnesota	90th Annual Conclave	June 24, 1895
Mississippi	35th Annual Conclave	February 12, 1895
Missouri	34th Annual Conclave	April 23, 1895
Montana	8th Annual Conclave	October 8, 1895
Nebraska	23d Annual Conclave	April 23, 1895
New Hampshire	26th Annual Conclave	September 24, 1895
New Jersey	37th Annual Conclave	May 14, 1895
New York	82d Annual Conclave	September 10, 1895
North Carolina	15th Annual Conclave	May 14, 1895
North Dakota	6th Annual Conclave	June 21, 1895
Ohio	53d Annual Conclave	October 2, 1895
Oregon	9th Annual Conclave	October 10, 1895
Pennsylvania	42d Annual Conclave	May 28, 1895
South Dakota	12th Annual Conclave	June 18, 1895
Tennessee	23d Annual Conclave	May 8, 1895
Texas	41st Annual Conclave	April 17, 1895
Vermont	53d Annual Conclave	June 11, 1895
Virginia	73d Annual Conclave	November 14, 1895
Washington	8th Annual Conclave	June 7, 1895
West Virginia	21st Annual Conclave	May 8, 1895
Wisconsin	37th Annual Conclave	October 8, 1895
Wyoming	8th Annual Conclave	May 8, 1895
Grand Encampment U. S.	26th Triennial	August 27, 1895

ALABAMA, 1895.

The Annual Conclave was held at Mobile. The Grand Commander opens his address as follows:

On behalf of the Knights Templar of this Command, I greet you and welcome you to the Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery. The Templar year that has come and gone has, like a meteor, flashed across our sky. And now, by the Providence of God, we are permitted to assemble again in conclave, after a lapse of several years, in this beautiful city of the sunny south, and I predict, from former experience, a hearty welcome. Peace and prosperity marks the onward march of this Command, the increase in the membership is an evidence of increased zeal and devotion to our glorious Order.

Grand Recorder Phillips makes a full report, and in conclusion declines a re-election. His work shows him to be well qualified for the office.

In the evening the Grand Commandery attended divine services in a body.

We note the following action:

Sir Wm. B. Phillips, Commander of Cyrene Commandery No. 10, presented a petition from said Commandery, praying the Grand Commandery of Alabama to elect Jas. T. Meade, Past Grand Commander of Mississippi, to honorary membership in this Grand Commandery, he having affiliated with Cyrene Commandery No. 10, at Birmingham, and thereby lost his rank in his old jurisdiction.

The matter of the election of James T. Meade, Past Grand Commander of Mississippi, to honorary membership in this Grand Commandery, which was postponed from the meeting of yesterday, was taken up, and on motion of Sir Robert L. Douglass, Sir James T. Meade was elected to honorary membership in this Grand body, with the rank of Past Grand Commander, and the Grand Recorder was instructed to inform him of this action.

As we understand the law, Sir Knight Meade should have been elected, not an honorary member, but a member of the Grand Commandery, with all the rights of every other Past Grand Commander. (Article II., section 26, constitution, and title 37, section 7, digest, G. E. U. S.)

The constitution reads:

When a Past Grand Commander changes his membership to a Subordinate of a different Grand Commandery, such Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein, to continue as long as he is a member of a Subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction.

Mobile Commandery gave the Grand Commandery a delightful steamer excursion, which is described at the close of the proceedings.

Brother Moore makes a Report on Correspondence. Instead of taking the jurisdictions in the usual way, he selects a number of subjects, the Ritual taking a large part of the Report and receiving a general but rather mild criticism.

Under Indiana will be found some remarks on the resolutions adopted by Alabama regarding the display of Templar emblems on saloons at the time of Triennial Conclaves.

Sir Fletcher J. Cowart, Grand Commander.

Sir H. Clay Armstrong, Grand Recorder.

ARIZONA, 1895.

Grand Commander Oliver reports the Commanderies of the jurisdiction in a prosperous condition.

The financial condition, as shown by the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, is excellent. A committee examined the books and accounts of Grand Recorder Roskrue and pronounced them accurately and neatly kept. We can vouch for the correctness of this report.

Sir Ephraim J. Bennitt, Grand Commander.

Sir George J. Roskrue, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS, 1895.

The Grand Commander's address reports the condition of the Order substantially as it was reported the preceding year. As a whole, it is encouraging:

As your Grand Commander, it becomes my duty to report to you as to the work that has been accomplished during the past year. I cannot, I am sorry to say, tell you of any very great advancement made by the Order during my administration. In fact, I am impressed with the idea that we have not escaped the general depression that has existed throughout the entire country, which has manifested itself by a failure upon the part of a number of Commanderies to receive accessions which, under ordinary circumstances, could have been reasonably expected. I do not think that this inactivity has arisen from any lack of real interest in the cause upon the part of the Templars of the state, but only and wholly from the fact that they have not been able to surmount the unusual difficulties which confronted them. I do not mean to convey the idea that nothing has been accomplished during the year. I am convinced that a number of Commanderies have made substantial progress. But there has not been that vigorous and noticeable advancement all along the line that we would like to have seen.

Sir Knight Rickon again makes a full Report on Correspondence. We quote:

There have been, during the past year, no questions that have caused general comment. The only matters that seem to have been discussed, in all the different Grand bodies, were the new Ritual and the Boston Conclave. The Ritual seems to have given general satisfaction; and, as far as one can judge from the printed proceedings, is being satisfactorily worked in all the Commanderies throughout the country, and while I think that the Red Cross work could be considerably improved, it is certainly a great advance over those we have heretofore had, and it is to be hoped that it will be given a fair trial before any more tinkering is done with it.

From every jurisdiction comes the cry of hard times; but, notwithstanding the general depression, the Order seems to have made fair progress, and, what is better than all, one reads of no bickerings or petty disputes, and it has been a pleasure to us to note that Committee after Committee on Grievances and Appeals finds nothing to do. Long may such a state of affairs continue. We have endeavored, as much as possible, to confine the report to the transaction as printed, as we are of the opinion that our brethren do not so much care for our personal opinion on these questions as they do to know what is transpiring in the Templar world.

Sir George P. Taylor, Grand Commander.

Sir James A. Henry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA, 1895.

Grand Commander Sumner makes a very full address. The parade of the Templars of the state is fully described, closing as follows:

After the inspection, the command marched past the reviewing stand in a column of divisions, and, on dismissal, the Sir Knights of the jurisdiction were received by Golden Gate Commandery in its new hall and asylum on Sutter street. The review was tendered to V. E. Sir Reuben H. Lloyd, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment. The number of the Sir Knights in this parade, including bands, was about 800. The marching was very creditable, and some of the division lines, in the march past, were unusually good. A striking feature of the parade was the marching of Golden Gate Commandery, organized as a splendid battalion, with a handsome stand of silken colors—a United States flag—and a Beauseant flag.

He made a great many official visits and makes this excellent report:

In my visitations I have found the work of the Ritual, as a rule, well rendered, and in some cases with attention to detail and histrionic ability that was meritorious in the extreme. The work of the Ritual, however, shows a higher degree of excellence than the military ceremonies of opening and closing. Quite a number of the Commanderies are somewhat deficient in ritualistic and military work, and perhaps this condition of affairs is due to the want of proper text books or tactics wherein the necessary details might be thoroughly explained.

In speaking of the parade, he very properly calls attention to the flag:

It seems to me that it is proper and eminently appropriate that a Commandery of Knights Templar should bear and venerate the stars and stripes. This Order is thoroughly an American institution, and next to the army, the navy or the national guard, the Order of the Temple has the best right to cherish the national color. The specifications will enable any manufacturer to make silken flags, 5 feet 2 inches by 5 feet 8 inches in size, which are easy to carry and handle on parade, and much lighter than the present grand standard. They are emblematical of this modern Order of chivalry and national unity. The grand standard is not a parade banner, and should never be taken from the asylum.

The Grand Recorder says:

That the Order of the Temple has been prosperous the past year, and the increase double that of the previous one, will appear from the collated annual reports of our Subordinate Commanderies.

Sir Knight Davis again makes the Report on Correspondence. We quote from his conclusion:

The proceedings of the past year seem unusually tame in the light of the buoyant anticipations which always accompany and generally precede triennial year. The aggregate gain in membership has been small, but when the universal stagnation of the business interests of the entire country is considered, it must be recognized as a decided advance in the face of the most depressing influences.

Although no questions of grave interests have engaged the attention of the several jurisdictions, it is probably more from a willingness to await the action of the Grand Encampment, in the revision of its Code, than from a lack of interest in the matters at issue.

Sir Edward S. Lippit, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas H. Caswell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA, 1895.

The Grand Master, speaking of the numbers in attendance and the expected union of the Scotch Encampments, says:

Circumstances, however, have been against us, both as to railway rates and owing to the fact that the Scotch Encampments in St. John and St. Stephens have refused to unite with us. In the latter regard, I think that the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada did everything possible to effect a union on mutually self-respecting and honorable terms, and the refusal of all reasonable propositions by the Scotch Encampments has, I am afraid, led many of our Sir Knights to doubt whether they would be welcome here even if they came. Those of us who know the whole-souled hospitality of the Scotch Sir Knights, as well as that of Union de Molai Preceptory, and the people of the maritime provinces, could make no mistake in this regard, but, unfortunately, it is not always what is true that has most influence; more frequently it is what is thought to be true that guides the majority. Personally, I think the refusal of the two Scotch Encampments of New Brunswick to unite with us is indefensible from a Templar standpoint, inasmuch as it is universally recognized that in unity there is strength, and in division, heartburnings, rivalry and weakness.

Of the condition of the Order we are pleased to quote:

It gives me unalloyed pleasure to congratulate you on the increased numerical strength and financial soundness of the Order. At the end of last year we had 1,273 members, and a surplus of \$1,262.41 in the treasury. At the end of the present year we have 1,368 members, an increase of 95, with \$1,455.71 in the bank.

We know the fraternal feeling expressed in his closing is fully reciprocated:

I cannot close without expressing the pleasure it gave me to see the kind and fraternal feeling manifested towards us in the correspondence of the various Templar bodies of the United States, and in the too high eulogies passed upon my last address. May Knights Templar, whereso'er dispersed on land or sea, be always united in heart and with one accord, zealously devoted to the service of Christ and the fulfilment of the sacred obligations which bind us to our beloved Order and to one another. To show our affection for our fraters of the Grand Commandery of the United States, who are to meet in Triennial Encampment in Boston next week, I suggest that a fraternal message be sent to M. E. Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master.

Brother Robertson makes the Report on Correspondence. It is like his former Reports, short but carefully prepared. His opening is so good we give it in full:

You Committee on Correspondence present the following report. It has been more than a glance at the doings of our brethren; it has been a pleasant journeying through other lands. We have been where the Mayflower cast the virile Puritan seed, and rested beneath the Templar trees which grew therefrom. We have tested Southern hospitality, Kentucky and otherwise. The breath of the magnolia blossom has permeated our senses, and we have felt the hot air of deserts beneath the sea level. From over the Rockies have come stirring notes of progress, and from the far Northwest there has echoed the bugle call to battle for the right. Hands have stretched out in friendly greeting from states which are girt about the loins of a great continent. In the large cities armies of brave Knights have passed before us in review. A voice has spoken from the nations' capitals. It has echoed from the Hub to the Golden Gate. It has breathed over the land courtesy and charity and truth. Where there are true Knights, there is true manhood. The same fountain never jets forth sweet and bitter waters. The sweetest stream that flows from the uncorrupted source is charity. It is man's humanity to man. It flows side by side with justice, and hovering over it is the spirit of truth.

We have passed through leafy glades where "mild eyed peace" broods over the gathering together of brothers. We have scaled the mountain heights where a handful of Knights have enshrined the Cross of Malta. We have gone down in depths where there is mourning for those brave Templars "who have met the angel by the river's brink." We have watched the

splendid array of plumed Knights, flashing their swords in serried ranks. And now, our journey over, we have brought with us into your honored presence a memoir of what we have seen and heard. That this is but a brief synopsis is to be laid at the door of the gentleman who made our calendar. That it is elliptical, is because in so extensive and varied branch of our Order there is an embarrassment of riches.

The proceedings of our Grand Commandery receive full and favorable comment.

Sir William H. Whyte, Grand Master.

Sir Daniel Spry, re-elected Grand Chancellor.

CONNECTICUT, 1895.

Grand Commander Wilson in his address says:

The growth of our Order continues to be large and, we believe, healthy. As a missionary organization we need only men of the best character who can force upon society their tenets through example. The year has passed with no remarkable events and no evidence of great victories over the evils of public life, but we have the personal consciousness of such individual improvement as our opportunities have offered, and let us hope that the communities in which we live are better for our presence.

Grand Recorder Birdsey, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Sir J. K. Wheeler, makes a report of his official acts and shows the body to be in a prosperous condition.

The Conclave was held in the asylum of the well-known St. Elmo Commandery, at Meriden. A banquet was tendered, and the account given shows that it was a very enjoyable occasion.

Grand Recorder Birdsey presents a very complete and readable Report on Correspondence.

Our proceedings for 1894 receive kindly notice. Thanks for personal good wishes.

Sir Hugh Stirling, Grand Commander.

Sir Eli C. Birdsey, Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA, 1895.

The proceedings commenced as follows:

Pursuant to a call issued by Past Eminent Commander Sir Wm. A. McLean, acting as proxy for M. E. Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the United States, to the officers of the several Commanderies in the state of Florida, to meet at the asylum of Damascus Commandery No. 2, in the city of Jacksonville, on Thursday, the 15th day of August, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., there assembled the Representatives of three chartered Commanderies of the state.

After organizing in the usual way, a full code of statutes was adopted. The following resolution was then passed:

Resolved, That this convention adjourn and immediately proceed to the formation and organization of a Grand Commandery of the state of Florida.

The First Annual Conclave was then held. Officers were elected and some routine business was transacted. And another star is added to the galaxy of Grand Commanderies. We extend a most cordial welcome.

Sir William A. McLean, Grand Commander.

Sir John D. Sinclair, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA, 1895.

The Grand Commander reports:

I am unable to report any very material or remarkable degree of prosperity for Templarism in Georgia during the past Templar year.

The following is a good recommendation:

I desire to call the attention of the different Commanderies to what I consider a very important matter. I refer to the evident lack of military discipline in nearly all the Commanderies throughout the state. It is as necessary, and should be so considered by each Sir Knight, that he should be as familiar with the sword exercise, and with the ordinary movements required in the conferring of the Orders as the officers who do the principal part of the work. These features are a very important

part of the work, and unless properly executed detract from the beauty of the ceremony incident to the conferring of the Orders. When a Commandery appears on the street it should at least be able to go through, with ordinary precision, the simple movements required for street parade, otherwise they are liable to adverse criticism by outsiders. If each Commander would make it a point to open his Commandery in full form at each and every conclave, and form the lines as laid down in the tactics, the good results would soon show for themselves.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers say:

We deem it a cause of congratulation that the general condition of the Order in Georgia shows evidence of improvement, notwithstanding the prevailing depression of the times. An increase of seventy-three new members for the past year gives us hope of more abundant prosperity in the near future.

We note the following:

The devotional exercises were most interesting and impressive. The Knights formed in front of the DeSoto at 8 o'clock, and under the command of Grand Commander Park Woodward, Grand Prelate Hape, together with the orator of the evening, Sir Knight S. A. Goodwin, preceded by the military band, marched to the First Baptist church, Chippewa Square, where the beautiful religious services of the Knights Templar were held. The services of the liturgy were conducted by Grand Prelate Hape, of Atlanta Commandery No. 9, in the solemn and impressive manner so characteristic of this venerable and distinguished frater.

There was a steamboat excursion also.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Roland B. Hall. It is a well-written Report.

Sir Joseph K. Orr, Grand Commander.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS, 1895.

The Grand Commander in his address has cause for rejoicing:

We rejoice to see a tranquil world that, for the most part, has laid aside the sword of war; we rejoice to see our own beloved country peaceful and prosperous, and sustaining her envied position in the ranks of nations; we rejoice to see our own state with others dwelling in harmony; we especially rejoice to see in the van of all progress the beauseant of Templar Masonry, and know that

the armies thereunder, and the principles they represent, are better known and more fully recognized to-day than ever before in the history of the world—a fact well attested by the national outpouring at the recent Triennial Conclave; but above all do we rejoice at the welfare of the Order within this Grand Jurisdiction, and that so many Representatives are permitted to assemble here at this annual gathering to engage in a labor of love. For all these blessings let us not forget to look aloft and return fervid thanks to the Giver of all good.

In this age of rapid communication, and necessity for communicating notice to large numbers, we see no objection to reducing the work by the use of printed postal cards, although in our jurisdiction, we believe, all notices are sent under cover but unsealed. The principal part of a decision by the Grand Commander is to this effect, and also contains some quiet instruction as to proper terms or names to be used:

The notice you enclose, appearing on postal card, reads as follows:

ASYLUM OF ——— COMMANDERY NO. —, K. T.
(Date.)

Sir Knight—A Council of Knights of the Red Cross will convene at our asylum, at half-past seven o'clock, sharp, Monday evening, February eleventh, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-five. You are cordially invited to be present.

Sovereign Master.

Attest: _____
Master of Dispatches.

I see nothing in this notice that reveals the work to be done, or even the object of the Council meeting on the date mentioned. Its publication in the city papers and its appearing on postal card, therefore, can hardly be considered in conflict with any "Decisions approved," or "Resolutions in force," to which you have referred.

In your future notices, however, you should substitute "Audience chamber" for "Asylum," "Companion" for "Sir Knight," and "Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross" for "Council of Knights of the Red Cross." In such notices you are acting as *Master of Dispatches*.

The work of inspection which we referred to last year is successfully continued:

I think it may be safely said that the work of inspecting Subordinate Commanderies this year has far surpassed that of any previous year. Of the sixty-five Commanderies in the state, not one has escaped the Inspecting Officer. Every Commandery in

the state has been inspected in open conclave, with the bare exception of Belvidere No. 2, which did not open the Commandery to the inspecting officer then present.

Quite full reports are made by the other officers, showing a large number of official visits and inspections, with good results.

Our Representative, Sir Charles G. Mac, of Mattoon, was present.

Sir John C. Smith again makes a full Report on Correspondence. In opening he says:

Should we seem to have much to say of our country's flag, please bear in mind that we have not introduced the subject, except in reply to other correspondents, and separated as we were from that glorious emblem of our national greatness, we could but feel warmly when we thought there was an effort on the part of any one to belittle its influence and retire it to obscurity. Sail as we have around the globe and under the flag of almost every nation except our own, and the reader will return a greater lover of our starry banner than ever before. Visit the people of other lands, study their customs, manners and condition, and you, too, will return a better American than ever before. We have no apology for aught we have said on that subject, because we do not think any apology is necessary. On the contrary, we firmly believe that every word will meet with a hearty response in the heart of each Knight Templar in the United States.

We are glad to know his health has been greatly improved by his travels in foreign lands.

Our jurisdiction has full and kindly notice.

Under the head of his own jurisdiction he gives a very entertaining account of his "Trip Around the World, Illustrated."

Sir Augustus L. Webster, Grand Commander.

Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1895.

The report of the proceedings commences as follows:

ASYLUM OF MUSKOGEE COMMANDERY NO. 1, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

December 27, 1895, A. O. 777.

Pursuant to instructions from the several Commanderies of Knights Templar of the Indian Territory, working under charters

from the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Representatives of Muskogee Commandery No. 1, Chickasaw Commandery No. 2, and McAlester Commandery No. 3, assembled under the authority of the warrant of the Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, Sir Warren LaRue Thomas, in the asylum of Muskogee Commandery No. 1, at 10 o'clock a. m., on December 27, A. D. 1895, A. O. 777, for the purpose of participating in the organization of the Grand Commandery of Indian territory.

The committee made a full report:

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws for the Grand Commandery reported. The report was considered, and, on motion, their report was approved.

Sir William H. Mayo was then received:

It was announced that Very Eminent Sir William H. Mayo had arrived and was desirous of visiting the convention officially, as the proxy of the Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, for the purpose of organizing the Grand Commandery of Indian Territory; whereupon Sir Knights Byrne and Doyle were appointed to repair to the quarters of the Very Eminent frater and escort him to the convention. Upon his arrival the arch of steel was formed, and he was received with the honors due his exalted rank. The President of the convention welcomed him in a few appropriate words, and surrendered to him the gavel. Very Eminent Sir Knight Mayo responded, expressing the pleasure he felt in visiting the Indian Territory upon the occasion of the institution of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Master's warrant was then read:

After the warrant was read and a Grand Commandery organized, the proceedings of the convention held to do the preliminary work of organization, together with the regulations approved for the government of the Grand Commandery of the Indian Territory, were read section by section, and having been approved by the Grand Master's Representative, were thereupon adopted by a unanimous vote, and Sir Knight Mayo proceeded to constitute the Grand Commandery of Indian Territory, under the adopted regulations, in due form.

Officers were elected and installed in usual form.

Sir Knight Mayo was specially invited to attend a reception after the closing of the Grand Commandery. From a note appended to the proceedings, we find he accepted:

At 8 o'clock p. m., in accordance with the announcement made during the afternoon, Muskogee Commandery No. 1 welcomed the Grand Commandery and Very Eminent Sir Knight

Mayo at a reception. The Sir Knights of the Commandery and their ladies gave this token of their appreciation of the historic importance of the occasion, and the time was spent pleasantly and profitably. The tables were suitably decorated, and the daughters of the Sir Knights served the guests. Addresses were made by Sir Knights Mayo, Hill, Paxson, Humphrey, Doyle and Porter, after which the reception closed, all hoping to be present at the ones which are to follow in the coming years.

We wish them many pleasant and profitable coming years.

Sir Robert W. Hill, Grand Commander.

Sir Leo E. Bennett, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1895.

In looking over the report of the Committee on Credentials and the list of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Past Commanders, we notice the permanent members nearly equal the representative members who are officers of the Subordinate Commanderies.

Among the decisions of the Grand Commander we quote, with approval, the following:

As neither of the first three officers of a chartered Commandery can resign after installation, can either of them dimt?

Answer—Yes. Membership in a Commandery, from first to last, is voluntary, therefore I see no reason to exclude an Eminent Commander, Generalissimo or Captain General from the same privilege enjoyed by other members.

Under the head of Temperance, the Grand Commander quotes the resolutions adopted by Alabama in 1894. We have said very little about this matter, preferring to let others discuss it as fully as they desired. As an active member of the Triennial Committee in 1892, we can only say what every one who will think a moment knows: At the time of a Triennial, any one can buy Templar emblems and, of course, can display them when and where he pleases. No man engaged in the liquor traffic in any way can be made a Mason in Colorado. So we feel sure in saying no Templar in this jurisdiction

"displayed the symbol of our faith on the doors of saloons at the Triennial Conclave held in 1892," or at any other time, as our Templars do not have saloons. The principal part of the resolutions referred to is as follows:

Whereas, The Grand Commandery of Alabama remembers with sorrow that the cross, the symbol of our faith, was displayed on the doors of saloons at the Triennial Conclave held in 1892, and at other conclaves; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Alabama earnestly petitions Grand Master Hugh McCurdy to use his influence to prevent the unseemly use of the cross at the next Triennial Conclave, to be held in Boston.

No correspondent has been more outspoken than the writer against the use of intoxicating liquors, and we therefore take great pleasure in quoting the language of Grand Commander Slick upon these resolutions, and we give his sentiments our unqualified endorsement and approval:

This action on the part of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, to me, seems commendable, but it does not go far enough. The display of the cross upon the outside of saloons may and does wound our pride and feelings. It certainly does not hurt the symbol of our beloved Order. Nor would the Bible be injured if laid upon a table in every saloon in the land; but, Sir Knights, this should afford us food for serious reflection. Call to mind the encampment at Denver, for illustration; the numerous headquarters, Grand and Subordinate, the lavish display of the cross and other emblems of our Order in them; then remember how many dispensed intoxicating liquors over what is worse than a saloon, a free bar. We may have so formed our habits that such action would not seriously injure any of us, but what of the example upon the rising generation; what of our boys; they will be quick to imitate your every action. To have it more forcibly impressed on your minds, take your boys with you.

It is a mistaken notion that to convince a man of his welcome, you must first give him that which will befuddle his brain and cloud his intellect and reasoning faculties. I congratulate this Grand Commandery that by the action of the Triennial Committee at Denver they demonstrated this fact beyond cavil. It was common remark that at no place was there a more cordial welcome and home-like atmosphere than at Indiana headquarters. There is more true brotherly welcome and sociability in a cup of coffee or a glass of lemonade than in any intoxicating beverage. I would recommend the taking of another step; add one more request to these worthy requests of the Alabama Sir Knights, to-wit: Let us urge our Most Eminent Grand Master to ask all Grand and Subordinate Commanderies to refrain entirely from dispensing intoxicating liquors at their respective headquarters at Boston.

Brother Ruckle again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is in his usual full and able style.

Sir Walter M. Hindman, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Smythe, re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA, 1895.

We give the opening of Grand Commander Clements' address in full:

Since last we met a year has passed, with its pains and pleasures, the joys and sorrows incident to human life. Again the waters of the lake sparkle in the sunshine, wooing us hither! the cool shade of our own sturdy oaks invites us to enjoy their shadows, and the invigorating breeze beneath their branches whippers of rest from care and toil, of past fraternal enjoyments in our Templar home, and prophecies of others still to come.

No sound of rattling car or noisy train, or bustle of business cares, come here to disturb our enjoyment of nature at its best; the winds and waves and wooded heights are to minister to our comforts, and all is peace. To this sylvan retreat we welcome you. May it long be yours to enjoy, with old friendships annually renewed and new ones added.

With hope and confidence we look forward to the annual gathering here of a great army of Knights and their families encamped on this beautiful shore, receiving here new inspirations and achieving new victories of peace as the years pass on.

An army of more than forty-three hundred Sir Knights marching beneath the banner of the cross in this great commonwealth is a factor of no small influence in shaping its future, in maintaining the equality and freedom of man, in promoting our public schools and institutions of learning, and in the advancement of Christian faith unblinded by narrow sectarianism.

The session continued three days and a large amount of business was transacted, but, reading between the lines, we infer the social element was most prominent.

Brother Coxe again makes a full Report on Correspondence. Our jurisdiction receives kindly notice. We quote from his conclusion:

We come to the end of our journey with a sense of relief, and yet with delightful memories of pleasant scenes by the way. We have traveled in goodly company; have had the advantage of intelligent guides; have tarried at many an appetizing feast; have been refreshed by cheering tidings from far and near; have made some new acquaintances, and renewed the ties which bind one

to old friends. We have heard the cry of hard times, and yet have noted an increase in the Templar ranks in nearly every jurisdiction. Peace and harmony prevail; the misunderstandings which caused strained relations in one or two instances last year have been adjusted in a fraternal way, and good feeling restored.

In the march towards the front Iowa holds her place in the line. We would be glad to see her step up with a better showing; but there is a day after to-morrow. If quality is well looked after, quantity will take care of itself.

Sir Thomas B. Lacey, Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred Wingate, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS, 1895.

Of the condition of the Order, the Grand Commander says:

During the past year of financial distress and despondency that hung over our section like a dark cloud, it was exceedingly hard for us, as individuals, to keep our heads above water; therefore it is very gratifying to know that our Order not only held its own, but made a decided increase, a net gain of seventy-five. During the year the several Commanderies knighted 240, admitted 29, reinstated 9. We lost 40 by death, 71 suspended, and 91 limited.

Regarding the number of members necessary to make a successful Commandery, he gives some tables and then makes his conclusion, which is interesting. We do not remember to have seen it stated in this way before:

The question has often been asked, How many members does it require to sustain a good, or rather, a successful Commandery? A difficult question to answer, but I think, by studying the above table, one may derive some idea as to the number.

By leaving out of our table the seven highest, all located in our largest cities, with a membership of 1,038, an average of 148, we find that over one-third of our strength is in these seven Commanderies, while in the remaining thirty-five Commanderies we have only 1,972 Knights, an average of fifty-six. Taking away the next five largest, which have 408 members, an average of eighty-one, and we have 1,564 Knights, distributed among thirty Commanderies, an average of fifty-two.

Nearly all of these thirty Commanderies are in good shape, and would be called successful Commanderies. So that the latter average of fifty-two should answer the question as to the number necessary to make a good Commandery.

He then truthfully adds that *character* is also necessary:

Bear in mind that it is not numbers that makes a Commandery a success. It requires men who believe in the principles of our Order, and who are willing to give a part of their time to carry out these principles, who will attend promptly and regularly each conclave of their Commandery. It does not require extraordinary large chapter membership to sustain a good Commandery, but it does need Knights whose life and character will so impress the community in which they live that the chapter members will desire to join an Order whose devotees "so let their light shine that others seeing their good works may glorify our Father who art in heaven."

The Grand Commander gives his views on the temperance question:

I am much pleased at the stand taken by a great number of Templar organizations in other jurisdictions in regard to the use of intoxicating drinks at the banquet table. It also affords me much pleasure to indulge in the thought that few, if any, of the Commanderies in our own jurisdiction would take a candidate through our solemn ceremonies, and then wilfully place before him the cup that will dim his intellect and make him feel that our Order is a mockery and a farce. "Knights Templars are not the kind of men who go and drink alone," and if the social feature of the practice is abandoned and put under ban, there is no fear of private drinking.

The social feature was not neglected:

In the evening a reception was tendered the visiting Knights and their ladies by the Knights of Wichita and their ladies at the auditorium. The reception was a brilliant affair. The beauty, grace and fashion of Wichita lent their presence for the occasion, and, combined with wit and chivalry of the Templars, made it a social event that will be held in fond remembrance by those who enjoyed the hospitalities. The decorations were elaborate. Gay bunting, emblematical of the Orders of Knighthood, with palms, flowers and plants, and beautiful costumes mingling with the uniforms of the Knights, made it a picture that will be remembered by all who love beautiful women and admire brave men.

The concert closed with a grand march, which was followed by at least two hundred Knights with ladies. The march opened a dance, which was enjoyed far into the night. The dance closed the programme of entertainment provided by the fraters of Wichita, and every one present from abroad was unstinted in the expressions of the pleasure they had enjoyed while attending the conclave.

Grand Recorder Callaham makes a short but good Report on Correspondence. He commences by saying:

In my review of the proceedings of other Grand Commanderies, I shall endeavor to give you briefly all matters of interest pertaining to Templar Masonry that I may find in them. If I shall succeed in doing this to your satisfaction, I shall be more than compensated for my effort. To the fraters of the Guild I take off my hat and make my best bow.

Sir Robert E. Torrington, Grand Commander.

Sir A. M. Callaham, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1895.

The usual parade and public services are reported, and the sermon, address of welcome and response are given in full.

A distinguished visitor was present:

Very Eminent Sir Knight Warren LaRue Thomas, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, being present, was introduced and received with the honors due his exalted station.

The Grand Commander reports:

The year has been an uneventful one, only the regular routine of business demanding our attention.

A Grand Commander's address, in Kentucky especially, would be incomplete without reference to our Home. Being identified as I am with that Home, as the superintendent, it is a subject that lies very near my heart. I never realized what that term, "our Home," meant until I took charge and learned from actual experience. We have there more than two hundred and forty children, whose very lives, educations and characters are in my hands and yours. I say yours, because it is to you they turn to supply their temporal wants; to you they look for an example of what is good and true, in life, for a just and upright man. You look to me to mould their lives and shape their characters for future usefulness and good citizenship. Will you help me do what you require at my hands? I believe you will. Their wants are numerous, and the pressure becomes greater as the number increases.

In an addenda, among other things, we find the following:

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, held in the city of Bowling Green, on May 15 and 16, 1895, was one of the most successful gatherings of Knights Templar ever held in the grand old commonwealth. The attendance was large and representative. The city was beautifully decorated with emblems appropriate to the occasion; in fact, everything was in profusion except sunshine, which was a little scarce—but this was more than made up by the bright and beautiful faces of visiting and home ladies.

Brother Woodruff makes his twenty-second annual Report on Correspondence. It is in his usual full, able and interesting style.

We are inclined to concur in his opinion of the Grand Representative system:

It will be observed that the Grand Representatives appointed to represent the Grand Commandery of Kentucky near other Grand Commanderies, have proved themselves quite conspicuous by their absence from the Grand Conclaves under review; only thirteen, in all, of these high and mighty dignitaries having been in attendance to look after the "important" duties of their position. The Grand Representative system has proved its utter uselessness, and well deserves to be entirely abandoned.

The following expresses the general opinion and statement of correspondents:

The present condition of Templary is eminently that of tranquillity and prosperity, enjoying, besides, the stimulating influence of a triennial year, and no subjects for controversy in sight to disturb the harmonious deliberations of the Twenty-sixth Conclave of the Grand Encampment, or mar the good fellowship and pleasure of the crowd of Templars that will enjoy the hospitality of the good people of Boston next August.

Sir Samuel H. Stone, Grand Commander.

Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger, re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA, 1895.

The Grand Commander opens his address as follows:

I will not go through the formality of an elaborate introduction. I greet you in Knightly courtesy and fervor to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana. There is little of importance to communicate. The several Commanderies have done fairly well; new accessions have been added to our Knightly ranks, and a fair gain in membership is recorded. I have the pleasure to report the organization of a new Commandery, now working under dispensation, which will apply to you for a charter.

Of the Ritual he says:

The Commanderies in the city have strictly followed the new work, and, so far as the principal officers are concerned, the work is well done. The only thing lacking is the faithful co-operation on the part of the minor officers. When this is understood and practiced and every officer always in his right place, at the right time, we will have perfect work.

Of the material for membership he says:

Freemasonry, in its various branches, in Louisiana has established itself in no doubtful way. From the best classes of our youth accessions are gained, and they pass through workshops and quarries to reach the doors of the Temple with zeal and appreciation. It depends upon ourselves to so conduct the affairs of Templar Masonry, and teach its work and its professions, to draw around our exalted circle the best and truest of those who seek Masonic light in all the stages of progression, with the laudable aim to improve themselves and their neighbors.

There is a short Report on Correspondence. Speaking of Arizona, the following pertinent remark is made:

We note here that many of the provisions of the statutes are already provided in the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, which is the supreme law and will govern, and hence that many of those adopted by this new Grand Commandery are unnecessary. This remark will apply with equal force to the statutes of the many of the old Grand Commanderies.

Sir Charles F. Buck, Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE, 1895.

Grand Commander Landers reports:

It gives me great pleasure to be permitted to report that the close of the Templar year finds a very fair increase in our number, and, as a rule, harmony, unity and brotherly love prevailing throughout the entire jurisdiction.

The following is the only decision reported. We give it with approval:

An Eminent Commander writes: "We have a candidate for the Orders of Knighthood, who has recently taken the Keeley cure, and I am uncertain of the effects of the libation upon him. Would it be permissible to use a substitute for the wine usually administered?" I answered, yes, by all means. And I would say that while the new Ritual differs from the preceding one, in not providing for emergencies of this character, the Order of Christian Knighthood aims to upbuild rather than tear down, and I recommend that in cases of this nature, which are very liable to hereafter occur (there have been two to my knowledge the past year), that the matter be left entirely to the discretion of the Eminent Commanders.

Quite a large number of official visitations are reported:

During the four years that I have been a member of the Grand Council, I have visited officially every Commandery in the state, with one exception, and the uniform courtesy and kindness extended by one and all, the hearty co-operation and kindly assistance at all times of the officers of this Grand Commandery, and, above all, the many very pleasant friendships and acquaintances formed among the large-hearted Sir Knights who compose the membership of this Grand jurisdiction.

Brother Berry again makes the Report on Correspondence. We again have recourse to his valuable statistical tables.

Speaking of pleasant intercourse with some of our mutual friends, he says:

So it ever is. Bright spirits come from unknown space, briefly cross our orbits, and go out, we know not whither, and they never pass this way again; but they leave a flash of radiance on their paths which never fades from our lives.

Sir Frederick S. Walls, Grand Commander.

Sir Stephen Berry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND, 1895.

Of the condition of the Order the Grand Commander tells us:

Notwithstanding the prevailing business depression and financial hardship, the Order of the Temple has prospered in Maryland; two Commanderies having been constituted, and two instituted during my term of office.

Of the Ritual he says:

The Ritual adopted at Denver, Colorado, in 1892, meets with universal approval in Maryland.

The Grand Commander made a large number of official visitations, thereby greatly benefiting the Commanderies visited and adding to the interest taken in the work. Official visits by the Grand Commander are always beneficial and greatly appreciated by the Subordinate Commanderies.

Sir Knight Gorgas again makes the Report on Correspondence. Our proceedings for 1895 are fully and kindly reported.

Sir William H. Clark, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1895.

This is a very large volume, containing full reports of the Twenty-sixth Triennial, held in Boston last year.

As usual, we commence with the Semi-Annual Conclave. It was held in Providence, R. I., May 28, 1895.

Grand Commander Lawrence in his address commends the observance of the Christmas toast to the Grand Master. He recommends the adoption of Grant's Tactics, and a special committee, after examination, reported favorably, with the exception of changing the marching step to "twenty-eight inches in length and a cadence of one hundred and ten per minute." The report was adopted.

The constitutional requirement of **exemplification** of the work of one of the **Orders** was complied with by **conferring** the Red Cross. The approaching Triennial, of course, received careful attention.

The regular Annual Conclave was held in Boston, October 31, 1895. We quote the opening of the Grand Commander's address:

The close of the eighty-ninth year of its existence finds this Grand Commandery in the enjoyment of great prosperity, with the promise of increased usefulness and honor in the advancing years. After a term of official experience which has necessarily brought me into nearer contact than ever before with the Subordinate bodies of the jurisdiction, and into a better knowledge of their interior work, I can bear sincere testimony to their zeal and devotion and to the value of the influences, moral and social, which go out from them; and I am more and more impressed with the importance of the place which Templarism occupies as an auxiliary branch of the great and beneficent institution of Masonry. An organization like this, which holds up before its members a high ideal of justice and honor, kindness and courtesy, and all those gentler graces and charities which sweeten and ennoble human intercourse, has no occasion to apologize for its existence; its daily record is its best justification. For myself, who have been a Mason for forty-one years, during thirty-nine of which I have been a member of the Order of Knights Templar, I acknowledge with a deep sense of gratitude the debt I owe to the beloved institution of Freemasonry. In its halls I have spent some of the happiest hours I have ever known, and the warmest friendships of my life have been contracted among its members. Alas, how many of these friends have gone before me! I can still see through the mists of time "the old familiar faces:" Moore, Robinson, Lewis, Gardner, Dame, Titus, Parkman, Doyle, Van Slyck—where shall I stop?—noble men, wise counsellors, loyal and true Masons! To consort with such men was a liberal education, and to have shared their friendship is now a most precious remembrance. Such is Masonry to those who love it, and will you pardon me for this involuntary tribute to an institution to which I am bound both by present ties and by tender and sacred memories which go far into the past.

The Triennial Encampment and the report of the committee swell the proceedings to a large volume. While interesting, we find it difficult to make quotations from the report which would properly show the amount of work done. We may say, however, from personal observation and the reports as well, that this Conclave was in every way a grand success, and that our Boston and

New England fraters are entitled to great credit for their active and untiring interest and work in accomplishing this result.

The full and excellent Report on Correspondence is, as heretofore, a joint production of Fraters Rugg and Finch. We quote from the opening:

In undertaking the preparation of another year's report, the present writer is reminded of an expression made use of by Paul the Apostle in his letter addressed to the church at Philippi, which is as follows: "To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not irksome, and for you it is safe." Writers of correspondence may well note the suggestiveness of the reference here made. In any case there is much of repetition and sameness in the reports they prepare. The work of the reviewer includes the threshing of considerable old straw, the re-stating of familiar propositions, the enforcement of appeals which have been frequently urged. Such work at the first may seem dreary and uninviting; but regarded in the way of a correct estimate it appears with added interest and attractiveness, as does all service rendered for the sake of truth and human advancement. It is a safeguard for the Templar organization that fundamental principles should often be stated, and that the old-time lessons of faith and duty be frequently rehearsed. It ought not to be irksome thus to write or read some of the "same things," which can hardly be too frequently considered or too much emphasized.

This report, for 1895, is written at a time when the Templar Order, having already obtained a large measure of influence, is seemingly advancing with rapid strides along the lines which are bright with promise of a still greater prosperity. In numbers and resources it is strong as never before; it has gained popular favor to a remarkable degree, and is better than ever before equipped to render the service which may be expected of an organization founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. The door of opportunity now swings wide open to the Templar Order, a door of blessed privilege, through which it may pass to make its name more illustrious and its works more glorious.

Colorado is very fully and favorably reported.

We give part of the conclusion:

It has been a notable year for our institution. Templarism has gained in numbers and resources, and not less in popular favor. The organization is stronger to-day than at any previous period in its history. Its service of courtesy and grace, and of a practical usefulness, has been improved in quantity and quality within the last few years. Its principles have been clearly announced and well maintained, and not only Sir Knights but the world at large know very well that Masonic Templarism is established on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues.

The year covered by this review has been an eventful one, as regards this organization. The Triennial Conclave, at Boston, has produced a marked impression on the public mind favorable to the Order, and has likewise been an inspiration and stimulus to the membership of our entire communion. We see that we have strength, opportunities, together with a most encouraging outlook for the future. We note the unity which now prevails; the feeling of comradeship which is now so fervent; the loyalty to the governing body; the loyalty to the Templar institution, whose most potent symbols are the Cross of Calvary and the Empty Tomb of the Risen Christ. We gather fresh purposes of duty—a new and stronger animation of faith and love—as we consider these things, impressed upon our hearts by the lessons and ceremonies of our cherished Order, and by the teaching and life of Christ the Lord.

Sir Eugene H. Richards, Grand Commander.

Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN, 1895.

M. E. Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master, was properly received and welcomed. He made an extended address, which is given in full.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

Notwithstanding the prevailing hard times, this has been the most prosperous year, save one, in point of members Knighted in the history of this Grand Commandery. So far as I know, all is peace and harmony within our borders, and nothing has happened to disturb the amicable relations existing between this Grand jurisdiction and all others.

We pass on to the full and excellent Report on Correspondence by Grand Recorder Gerow. In reviewing our jurisdiction he comments somewhat severely on a decision made by our Grand Commander in 1894. The decision is as follows:

"There is nothing in the statutes of the Grand Commandery of this state that would prevent a member of a Commandery opening a bar in his hotel."

We have heretofore said little, if anything, about this decision. We quote a part of what Brother Gerow says, with unqualified approval:

We may not have such a law in so many words to prevent the identification of a Sir Knight with the saloon business, neither have we the decalogue written in our constitution. But we have an *unwritten* law that meets the demand of decency and consistency. This law the Denver frater has set at naught in his decision, and he has not done wisely. He should have erred on the side of virtue, and told that Sir Knight that Templarism does not invite the anathema resting upon him "who putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips." In the name of Him who died to make men holy, let us ignore the trade that damns men's bodies and souls.

We believe the decision ought not to have been made. Our Grand Lodge has legislated on the subject, as follows:

125. It is hereby made the imperative duty of all Lodges to restrain, as far as possible, the Masonic crime of intemperance, by trial and punishment, as the case may require, and to exclude from Lodge and ante-room all intoxicating liquors; and for the faithful performance of these duties they will be held strictly accountable to the Grand Lodge. It shall be unlawful to initiate or affiliate any person engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors.

This has been followed by a number of decisions, approved by the Grand Lodge, making it still stronger. It has been held that a stockholder in an incorporated brewing company is ineligible. In 1888 Grand Master Todd decided:

That not merely is it unlawful to initiate or affiliate any person engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, but that a Mason, a member of any of our Lodges, who may have started in the business subsequent to the recent action of the Grand Lodge, was amenable to the charge of unmasonic conduct, and subject to such penalty as might be inflicted, after due trial and conviction. (See By-Law 125.)

In 1894, the same year Grand Commander McGaffey made his decision, Grand Master Sanford decided:

Question: A brother presents a dimit and petition for affiliation; the Committee on Character finds that he is the proprietor of a hotel, and keeps a bar in connection therewith. Have we a right to accept him as a member?

Answer: No. (See Grand Lodge By-Law 125.)

The act which the Grand Commander finds nothing in the statutes of the Grand Commandery to prevent, is a Masonic crime under the laws of the Grand Lodge.

Our connection with and veneration for Ancient Craft Masonry, and the fact that the proposed act would be a violation of the laws of our Grand Lodge, and make the member liable to expulsion if persisted in, we think ample justification for holding that it should not be allowed by the Grand Commandery.

Even if technically correct, which we contend it is not, we think the decision wrong in principle and morality.

Brother Gerow and the other correspondents who have severely criticised this decision, and all who have noticed it have done so, with one exception, so far as we now recollect, cannot have any controversy with us personally about it.

We have been very much interested in this Report, but find it difficult to clip from it, so we give the conclusion:

We have reached the end of our task, and whether the work be good and square remains for the overseers to report. The labor has been a pleasant one, and one that we could willingly linger over. To find mind associated with kindred mind on subjects in which all are equally interested is a nearness of fellowship that cannot be successfully rivaled. If we have differed from some of our fellow fraters in our view of great subjects which touch the vitality of Templarism, the contention has been in the spirit of brotherly love. We do not hold to acrimonious debate or insistence of personal view. Ours only to place the aspect in which the question strikes us before our fraters. Our pen has been dipped in the milk of human kindness and not in the gall of captious criticism. Hence, wherein we may have erred or came short, we ask that the head and not the heart be charged with the same.

Sir William E. Jewett, Grand Commander.

Sir John A. Gerow, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA, 1895.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The past year has not been an eventful one; yet, notwithstanding the adverse financial conditions which have prevailed throughout our jurisdiction, the returns of the Commanderies show an increase in membership, which, under the circumstances, is very gratifying.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Grand Recorder Montgomery. It is his sixth Report. We give his conclusion:

The growth of the Order is steady; about twelve per cent. above all losses during the past three years. Twenty-five years ago there were 30,000 Knights Templar in the United States, in good standing; now there are 105,000, an average gain of 3,000 per annum. What a wonderful influence for all that is noble, great and good could be exercised in this fair land of ours if every member of this Templar host lived up to his vows and exemplified in his daily life the sublime principles of our vallant and magnanimous Order. We are happy to report that peace and harmony exist throughout the Templar world, and that in the discussion of such questions as make for the well being of the Order the utmost good feeling prevails. So may it ever be.

Sir H. E. Whitney, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI, 1895.

The first action was attending offices of devotion, and the sermon by the Grand Prelate is given in full.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The year has been comparatively uneventful. I am inclined to think, from the lights before me, that interest in the Order is on the increase, not only among its membership, but among the outside world. The unprecedented depression in all lines of business, the scarcity of money, and the unsettled situation of our financial interests, have had, no doubt, a tendency to reduce the number of applicants for the Orders. While our harvests have been abundant, the prices obtained for the produce of our fields has been so small as to scarcely compensate for the expense of production, and this has been no small factor in producing the dormant condition in our institution. Let us hope that the new year, upon which we are just entering, may, in God's providence, bring to each of us and to Templary in Mississippi that measure of improvement and success which we so much desire.

We are glad to give his words of commendation of Brother De Lap, about whom we have written somewhat in times past:

I would here express a debt of gratitude to our beloved Sir Enoch George DeLap for counsel given me during my term of office and for the able reports he makes in his annual work on

foreign correspondence. Although at times he struts out and shows pugilistic tendencies, I can assure his fellow correspondents that he would not, willingly or knowingly, injure a hair in any human's head, much less wound the heart. Although fearless in argument, and one who dares to do and say, as he thinks right, his heart is as big as that of an ox, as all you, who know him, can testify.

Brother De Lap makes an excellent Report, covering more than a hundred closely printed pages. It is constructed on his own plan and after the style of his opening:

I have the honor of presenting herewith my sixteenth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. That it is not as good a Report as it might be is a fact apparent to any one who will take the trouble to read it, but that it is not the worst in the world is equally true! Your committee has been somewhat handicapped by the extremely late appearance of our proceedings, as it has had the effect to bring nothing before the committees of other Grand Jurisdictions on which to expatiate, hence the spiciness of the Report has been somewhat curtailed. Our promise in the closing of our last Report to subside on the subject of uniforms and swords as adjuncts to devotional offices has had the effect to eliminate a fruitful theme for spouting by this committee. It is barely possible that this is all for the best, and we are not disposed to complain. Such as it is, we present it for your inspection. If it suits you, its criticism by others will not disturb our equanimity in the least.

We have said all we desire about the decision referred to in the following, but give Brother De Lap's say with our personal approval, and ask him to read what we have said in reviewing Michigan:

"In reply to the question asked, I answered: There is nothing in the statutes of the Grand Commandery of this state that would prevent a member of a Commandery opening a bar in his hotel."

We move to amend the statutes by inserting a clause prohibiting any Templar from engaging in any business that wrecks homes, makes broken-hearted women, starves children, fills prisons with felons, furnishes material for the hangman to work up, drives men into the gutter and drunkard's graves, and sends their souls to an eternal hell! There is nothing in the principles or teachings of the Order that invites such people to affiliate with it, and there is something radically wrong in the *personnel* of Grand or Subordinate Commanderies of Knights Templar that tolerate such members. Kick them out, without the benefit of clergy or a moment's delay.

We quote from his conclusion:

And now our work for the current year is done. That there are imperfections in it, it is true; that it is the best we could do under the circumstances, is equally true. We are glad to report universal peace, concord, prosperity and a steady growth, both in membership and the graces that should adorn the soldiers of the cross of Christ. The new Ritual seems to have come into general use, and, strange to say, has produced a minimum of kicks. Our good brother Enoch has not put in an appearance yet for the current year, but he may bob up serenely before we start for West Point, in which event he shall have the attention his distinguished ability and worth as a Templar and a man merit at our hands. There are others who have failed to respond to roll call and whose absence we regret. The fault, however, is not with us.

Sir F. P. Jenkins, Grand Commander.

Sir J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI, 1895.

We quote from the opening of Grand Commander Morrow's address:

We have good reason to congratulate the Sir Knights, the Subordinate Commanderies and ourselves upon the present excellent condition of the Order and its rapid growth in this Grand Jurisdiction. This Grand Commandery was formed on the 22d day of May, in the year 1860, by three Commanderies, viz: St. Louis Commandery No. 1, represented by twelve Sir Knights; Weston Commandery No. 2, represented by five Sir Knights, and Lexington Commandery No. 3, represented by three Sir Knights. Within the period of thirty-five years, Subordinate Commanderies have so multiplied in this state that to-day their number is fifty-seven. The exact number of members of each of said three Commanderies in the year 1860 I do not know, but from the returns of Subordinate Commanderies for the year 1863, I gather that there were then two hundred and ninety-nine members of Commanderies in this great state. From that number the membership of Commanderies has so increased that at the beginning of the present calendar year the aggregate membership, as disclosed by the annual returns to be submitted to this conclave, was over *four thousand*.

We give a very full quotation from his report on the Masonic Home, about which we have had something to say in former reports:

To appreciate the Home, one must see it. If time would permit, it would be my request that this assembly of Knights

should go in a body and see the little ones and become personally acquainted with the institution. The report submitted discloses that on July 31st last there were being sheltered and cared for in the Home a total of seventy-five persons. About sixty of them are children. As I contemplate those children, taken from the shadows of misfortune and poverty, which blighted and made desolate their own homes, bereft, in most instances, of parental care, and gathered under the charitable roof of a new home, with surroundings entirely strange to them, no better evidence is needed of the care and attention they receive than is evidenced by their healthy appearance, their manifest contentment, their cheerful smiles, and prompt obedience of the slightest request of those in their immediate charge. Among this large number of children I did not see, during either visit, a discontented face. The report submitted will disclose, among other things, the effort being made by the officers, in an educational way, to fit these wards of ours to secure honorable recognition in the battle of life.

The following seems to be generally true:

I find a growing tendency to lightly apply for dispensations authorizing the reception of petitions out of the regular course, and allowing ballots to be taken on petitions in less than the statutory time. I am strongly opposed to the indiscriminate exercise by a Grand Commander of the power of dispensation vested in him with respect to such matters. While the power of dispensation is a discretionary one, it ought to be jealously guarded and most sparingly exercised.

Grand Recorder Mayo again makes the Report on Correspondence. Colorado receives kindly notice.

Sir Leslie Orear, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Mayo, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MONTANA, 1895.

The Grand Commander opens his address as follows:

In welcoming you to our Eighth Annual Conclave, allow me to do so by expressing the confident hope that our Order, and Masonry in general, in Montana is entering upon what promises the most prosperous era of its existence. Our prosperity is inseparably associated with the material welfare of our commonwealth. The clouds of adversity and despondency that for weary months have hung heavy over our horizon are lifting and vanishing before the sunshine of reviving and returning prosperity. This assurance comes with no uncertain sound from every department of industry, the mine, the smelter, the ranch and range, and the busy marts of trade, relaxing the heavy and absorbing

struggle for existence and giving wing to new-born hopes and strength, to confidence in the wealth of our surrounding resources.

Such periods of depression as those through which we have passed serve well to teach us humility, and show the frail foundation upon which the fabric of our worldly prosperity rests. They serve further to bring out the reserved forces and sometimes latent virtues of hearts united by the sacred ties of brotherhood, yearning for sympathy and finding strength in seeking to assist others. Let us learn in the school of adversity how to deserve and enjoy prosperity. Let us practice what we admire and approve in others, and see to it that the world is made better in every way for our having lived in it.

Within our own jurisdiction little has transpired that demands special notice. That your executive officer has not been called upon to adjust a single complaint, speaks volumes of praise for the wisdom of your rulers in the past and the peace and harmony resulting, where each considers a brother's welfare as his own.

At the close of the proceedings we find the following:

P. S.—There was a banquet awaiting attention near by., which was generally patronized and well appreciated. The toasts awakened eloquent responses, and only the thought that Grand Lodge opened in the morning prevented the banqueters from staying longer.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of our esteemed Brother Hedges, Grand Recorder. Of the questions for discussion by correspondents, in reviewing Colorado, he says:

We cannot agree that there are no live subjects to notice; we think there are several questions of first-class importance that must engage the attention of Grand Encampment. In fact, we think Grand Encampment legislation in very loose shape and a great many amendments necessary. We fancy that when he gets to Boston he will find plenty to do.

When we lack for other matters there is always something new to say of the redemption of Palestine. The Turkish government cannot much longer practice its bloody orgies on its Christian subjects, and stifle investigation and divert attention by insincere promises of reformation. We hardly see how any Templar can answer his conscience without doing something to stir Christendom to action.

The Turkish question should and certainly does interest us; but what is the *something* we can and should do, and how shall it be done?

While legislation should be carefully considered and necessary amendments adopted by the Grand Encamp-

ment, as a matter of fact very little was accomplished at the last Triennial.

Sir Edward D. Neill, Grand Commander.

Sir Cornelius Hedges, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA, 1895.

The Grand Commander opens his address as follows:

The year during which, by your favor, I have occupied the position of Grand Commander has been one of unusual hardship throughout the country, and the financial depression and stagnation of business have been intensified in this jurisdiction by the total failure of crops throughout a greater portion of the state. It has not been a year to increase our membership or add to our numbers; but a time rather to recall the purposes of our Order, to emphasize anew the vows of Knighthood, to bind ourselves more closely in the comradeship of loyal service, and to make that service a courageous warfare to subdue the ills that can be overcome and to support the ills that must be endured. Yet, let us trust that this is but as the dark hour that precedes the dawn, and, looking forward to the brightness of the coming day, let us enter upon the new year with renewed faith, hope and courage.

There seems to be a difference in opinion regarding the baldric. The general tendency, we think, is in favor of the following:

I would also suggest the propriety of a change in our law governing uniform, so that the baldric may be dispensed with, if not altogether, at least outside of the asylum.

We trust the Grand Recorder's successor may be a long time in making his appearance:

During the year I have made some arrangements for transfer of office work to my successor, who will come along some of these days or years, including a beginning for a Grand Commandery registry. Twenty odd years ago I prepared forms of compendiums for each Nebraska Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, intending that the same should serve as bases from which registries for the entire jurisdiction should be compiled. I think it will be found that in this way the Nebraska registries will be easily and accurately prepared.

Sir Charles B. Finch, Grand Commander.

Sir William R. Bowen, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1895.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

Peace and prosperity have marked the year; and there has been much to kindle our enthusiasm for our beloved Order.

Speaking of the last Triennial, he says:

No man could look unmoved upon that magnificent array of men assembled in Boston, on the occasion of the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. There were representative men in all ranks of life. Men of distinguished rank, governors of states, generals who had commanded armies, jurists, divines, men who lend distinction to great callings, and men worthy of being Knights companions of the greatest there, who, though unknown to fame, give strength and character to the Order which they adorn and which honors them. There were men from field and forest; men from mines, factories, workshops, counting houses; men whom we meet every day selling goods, building houses; men from foundry and forge. And it was a superb object-lesson in the dignity and force of a manhood which has ideals, that more than thirty thousand men, out for a holiday, governed themselves with such magnificent self-poise, that there was not one breach of the holiday peace of the great city, and not one uniform disgraced. That is a triumph in itself, and speaks volumes for the men who have taken our obligations.

Regarding uniform and the objection on account of expense, he very truly states:

As to the expense of being properly habited, some one has well said that Templary is a luxury. That is true, and before one indulges in the luxury it should be fairly weighed in one's conscience, whether one can afford it or is willing to make a sacrifice of other luxuries for the sake of this one.

Sir Knight Wait again makes the Report on Correspondence. Our jurisdiction receives kindly notice.

In reviewing Tennessee, he gives two or three pages to the word "frater" and its plural, summing up as follows:

Not only do we not need it in our language, but we have a much better English word as its equivalent. The Latins could much better have borrowed from us our word brother, than we go poaching upon them for their outlandish "frater." For the very reason that the English language not only has no occasion for this word, but it is much better off without it, the word has never been, and in all probability never will be, adopted as an

English word by writers in the language. Being a purely Latin word, all its inflections should be according to Latin requirements. We are quite aware that the newspaper accounts of the late triennial at Boston very generally had "*fraters*" as the plural of this word, but we also know that it attracted the attention of literary men not Knights Templar, as an unwarranted manner of forming its plural. We do not doubt that the only proper plural of this word is *fratres*; and until better informed we shall continue thus to write it.

Whether technically correct or not, we think the more usual form, as above indicated, will prevail.

Sir Daniel C. Roberts, Grand Commander.

Sir George P. Cleaves, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY, 1895.

The Grand Commander opens his address as follows:

Another year has swiftly passed, and we are again assembled to legislate for the common good of our beloved Order. Your officers have been indefatigable in duty, and now we lay before you the result of our labors, hoping that wherever we may have fallen short in deed or judgment we shall at least receive the award of having done the best that we knew. Our visitations have brought us into delightful intercourse with our *fratres* scattered over the state, and while some things occurred to sadden us, yet we have felt the contagion of goodness that pervails everywhere. No one can come in contact with noble, high-principled Templars without having his own character elevated and feeling that the standard of the Order is raised. Such is the sentiment that fills the hearts of your officers to-day and, in retiring from the high office to which by your generous preference we have been placed, we feel that we have lived in an atmosphere of sympathy and good will that must follow us all the days of our lives.

Grand Recorder Bechtel again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is quite short, but gives a fair account of the most important transactions of the various jurisdictions, ours among the number.

Sir Edward Mills, Grand Commander.

Sir Charles Bechtel, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1895.

We find the following in the conclusion of the Grand Commander's address:

I have thus, in as concise a manner as possible, endeavored to present for your consideration the record of the year now drawing to a close. I have given to you the best ability with which God has endowed me, and I have tried in every way in my power to not only realize, but to anticipate the requirements of my office. The increased roll of membership in this great jurisdiction (10,710 fraters), which is second to none in the world, is due to your individual efforts, and when a year ago my predecessor called upon you for renewed effort, I felt that, in taking charge of the responsible station to which you had elected me, you would lend your greatest efforts to uphold the banner of our Order in this empire state. The results speak for themselves. The record is before you for your consideration, and, I trust, unanimous approval.

A large amount of business was transacted. Even in this large jurisdiction the Committee on Grievances and Appeals had nothing to do and:

Reported that no *business* had been presented to them for consideration.

A large number of official visits are reported, and in substance the following appears in all the reports, so we know the social feature was not neglected:

After the work was finished and the Commandery closed, we were invited to the banquet room, where a bountiful repast awaited us, and to which we did justice; after which the usual speeches were made, and at a late (or early) hour we bade each other "Good night." I shall ever remember with pleasure the evening spent with this Commandery, and the Knightly hospitality accorded me personally as well as officially.

Sir Knight Anthony again makes a full Report on Correspondence. We quote:

The tidings proclaim peace and good will from all sections, and a generous rivalry, not only for superiority in the *esprit de corps* of our chivalric Order, but also in the furtherance of deeds of beneficence and charity.

On the question of distribution of the proceedings, in reviewing our jurisdiction he gives the following opinion, and we think it is probably correct:

A sufficient number of copies of the proceedings are to be published to place a copy in the hands of every member of each Commandery, with the request "that he read the same and express his opinion as to whether future numbers are desired." We believe in a more general distribution of the printed proceedings, but it is hardly necessary to supply a copy to every Sir Knight. In every Commandery there are many who would appreciate such a distribution, and if copies sufficient to supply the active membership were furnished each Commandery it would be of benefit, and cover all requirements.

Sir John A. Mapes, Grand Commander.

Sir John F. Shafer, Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1895.

Grand Commander Cobb reports the Order in good condition. One new Commandery was instituted during the year.

Sir Knight Chase makes the Report on Correspondence, giving seventy-eight closely printed pages, with few quotations. It is a carefully prepared Report. Colorado receives full and kindly notice. We quote from his conclusion:

As we pen these closing lines, harmony and general prosperity appear to be in the ascendant, and expectation is high in regard to the coming triennial. Since our last writing several of those with whom last year we held pleasant communion have been called hence, and our hope of a personal meeting availed naught.

"That all is well with them forever,
We trust the instincts of our heart."

Our work as correspondent, although somewhat arduous, has been one of pleasure, and it is submitted with the hope that our effort, notwithstanding its many shortcomings, will prove of interest to all those into whose hands it shall fall.

Sir Walter S. Liddell, Grand Commander.

Sir Horace H. Munson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1895.

Grand Commander Hare opens his address as follows:

Once more we are premitted to meet in our Annual Conclave, and it gives me great pleasure to bid you all a hearty welcome here in the city of Fargo, where, about two years ago, the whole business portion of the city and a large portion of the residence part was razed to the ground by a disastrous conflagration, and it now bristles with enterprise, thrift and business energy on every hand. On the ruins and ashes of that memorable fire there have been erected substantial brick buildings, sprung up as if by magic, fine wide flagstone pavements have taken the place of the old wooden sidewalks—all this having been done during one of the worst financial panics ever known in the history of the country. If there ever was more pluck, courage and confidence displayed, it must have been during the twelfth century by the Knights Templar. Here we are also greeted by the members of Auvergne Commandery with that Knightly welcome, courtesy and hospitality which Knights Templar know so well how to extend.

The Grand Recorder says:

Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, the membership of Subordinate Commanderies has steadily increased. Our total increase is thirty-eight, as against twenty-two last year. Our membership is 406, as against 368 last year.

Sir Clarence A. Hale, Grand Commander.

Sir Frank J. Thompson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1895.

The Grand Commander reports:

I congratulate you upon the success that has attended your efforts in the past year. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our jurisdiction. No dissenting element has a place within our border. Nor has even the uncertain and continued depression in the business interests of the country stopped our progress. Considering the situation of affairs, our prosperity is remarkable.

In regard to the work of preparing a Report on Correspondence Sir Knight Carson tells us:

The total number of Grand bodies noticed is forty. The task of looking through and reading most of these proceedings is becoming greater and greater each year. Six thousand and seventy-six pages, or more than five hundred pages every month; only think of it, the literature of one year.

Colorado receives full and kindly notice.

He gives us an article on "Androgynal Freemasonry," more particularly devoted to the Eastern Star. We make a short quotation or two:

In our report for 1892, under Connecticut, we gave our views at some length in regard to androgynal Freemasonry. We stated nothing in that paper that we now want to recall. We think there are many good reasons why androgynal Masonry should not be encouraged, patronized, or countenanced by the Masonic Order.

Androgynal Freemasonry has been a trade speculation in all countries, especially this. It was gotten up to sell, and to furnish material to gull the ignorant male or female, and thoughtless Masons, who forget the dignity of their Order and that Masonry excludes females, and for the reason that genuine, old-fashioned, non-revenue-yielding Freemasonry regards woman and her honor as an ancient landmark which is not in the power of any man or body of men to set aside. She should be held above suspicion; therefore she must not be hoodwinked into a so-called Masonic *secret* association, when the profane may say something ugly as to what goes on in their secret assemblies. For particulars, the profane say, read about similar societies in ancient Greece and Rome and perhaps in our own day in France.

We have no objection whatever to women organizing themselves into *secret societies* of any kind, Masonic or by whatever other name they may choose to take, as we men do, but we do protest and contend against any *secret* organization claiming to be Masonic in any sense of the word, if it admits into its *secret* conclaves both males and females. We regard any such organization as diametrically contrary to the principles of the Masonic Order.

Our juvenile critics may try to brush us aside by saying that we are hoary-headed, etc.; we know, however, that we are not so hoary-headed as the founders of the Masonic Order were, who so wisely provided that woman should be excluded from Masonry.

We are more than willing to give him the credit he claims in the following, from his conclusion:

We have ever held the Order above the individual, whoever he may have been. It has been our leading idea that either symbolic or high grade Freemasonry should be so regarded and treated by its true friends. The Jesuit missionaries' maxim was,

"All for mother church, nothing for the individual." We paraphrased and adopted as our motto early in our Masonic life, "All for the Order, nothing for the individual," and we have tried to adhere to it, and we hope that those who may have occasion to speak of us "when our duty of labor and of love is over," will be able to say, "He did what he could" to advance and add to the glory, honor and influence of pure Freemasonry, of high or low degree.

Sir John P. McCune, Grand Commandér.

Sir John N. Bell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON, 1895.

Our friends seem to have caught some of the usual Triennial enthusiasm:

On the morning of October 10, 1895, the beautiful city of Albany presented to the eye of the early riser a gala day appearance. The buildings, both public and private, had, during the night and early morning hours, undergone a transformation at the hands of an enthusiastic people, who vied with each other in their zeal to decorate. The cross, the crown, the beauseant, and various Templar emblems, together with "old glory," were displayed in profusion. Soon after 10 o'clock, the Sir Knights of Temple Commandery No. 3 assembled in their asylum, formed their lines, and, with band playing and banners flying, proceeded to receive and escort, as the trains arrived, the various visiting Commanderies, Sir Knights and ladies to their quarters.

This was followed by an address of welcome and response.

The Grand Commander's address as given is very short. The Grand Recorder appends to it the following:

Note by the Grand Recorder—R. E. Grand Commander Malcolm further addressed the Grand Commandery extemporaneously in words of wisdom and Knightly counsel, in which your Grand Recorder became so much interested that he failed to make notes, and hereby apologizes to those not present for the neglect. Those who were present and heard him will certainly excuse the Recorder for being equally interested with them in the eloquent remarks of the Grand Commander.

The interest did not abate with adjournment, but we will repeat the following, not very loudly, in Brother Carson's hearing:

After the adjournment of the Grand Commandery, the Sir Knights were invited into adjoining banquet rooms, where a superb banquet was provided and served by the ladies of Albany Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. The thoughtful care and graceful service awakened in every Sir Knight the beauty and justice of the symbol of holding our swords ever ready in the defense of the noble wives and daughters of Masons.

Past Grand Commander Hodson again makes the Report on Correspondence. In opening he says:

We have tried to give you all the news from the Templar world in as brief a form as possible, and trust you will honor us with a careful perusal, for the objects of such a report will be but poorly accomplished unless the fraters for whom it is prepared thoroughly examine and consider the same. We feel confident that among the many points of instruction and exhortation gleaned we can all find many useful lessons, and that even the careless and thoughtless may be benefitted by their perusal.

In commenting on Grand Commander Todd's remarks about the use of Templar emblems on saloons, he makes a suggestion, in which we concur:

And we will go him one better by saying, let us so influence our Templars that none will ever enter a saloon, either in or out of uniform.

Contrary to our usual custom, we quote a compliment, with thanks to the writer for kindly feeling expressed for our jurisdiction:

Sir Harper M. Orahood wields the reportorial pen in his usual elegant style. He has secured and reviewed every American jurisdiction for 1894, not having one for 1893 and 1895, a thing not accomplished by any other reviewer coming under our notice; but the fraters of Colorado do things up generally in a little better style than anybody else, and we take pleasure in acknowledging it.

Our brother, too, realizes how difficult it is to find or write anything new, strange or startling on the subjects found in the various reports and proceedings. This is shown by his conclusion:

And now, fraters, after an extensive excursion through the fields of Templar literature, your committee courteously presents you with the results of its labors. Nothing entirely new has been discovered. When approaching any given thought, even when of opinion that we were in the realms of the truly original, upon closer examination we have found that some other frater had

been there before us, and left his impressions upon the sands. But the links in the chain of fellowship have been brightened and the bonds of friendship strengthened by the contact, and we trust that the careful perusal of our report may fully repay all who may honor us with so much attention.

American Templary is enjoying the most prosperous period in its history. Almost perfect harmony exists in the ranks, and none can measure its boundless influence for good, ramifying throughout the entire Masonic world and, through it, upon all our varied institutions which go to make up the most desirable elements of modern civilization. The opportunities of a new century are dawning upon us, and it becomes the duty, as well as the high privilege, of each frater to contribute his share to the rounding out and completion of the noble character which it should assume, each for himself striving to bring full recognition of the merits of our vallant and magnanimous Order.

Sir B. E. Lippincott, Grand Commander.

Sir James F. Robinson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1895.

Grand Commander Wanger in his address reports:

We assemble in Forty-second Annual Conclave with a generally prosperous condition preavailing throughout the jurisdiction, and an increased membership, although widespread business depression has retarded the material prosperity of our commonwealth, and no doubt lessened the increase in numerical strength which might otherwise have been attained.

We quote from the report on the Masonic Home. It is certainly a good showing:

One of the most gratifying evidences of the sympathy and interest exhibited by the Brotherhood and others on Donation Day was by the munificent collection, amounting in cash to \$27,068.61, besides supplies worth at least \$400. Through this liberality of our brethren and visitors the permanent investment fund has been increased by \$10,000. The assets of the corporation, consisting of real estate, personal property, cash, bonds, mortgages, etc., amount to \$74,628.33, while I am rejoiced to be able to announce that the Home has no liabilities whatever. The management have done well, have done nobly, to whom all honor and praise is due for their indefatigable exertions to make the Home the success and blessing it has proven.

The Home, which has been in existence during a period of ten years, has had 97 aged brethren nominated for admission. Of this number 67 were admitted, 20 declined, 3 withdrawn, 5 died

pending nomination and 2 are still pending. Of the 67 admitted, 1 was honorably discharged (who subsequently died), and 29 have died, leaving 37 as constituting the number of inmates at the close of the fiscal year. The health of the inmates has been remarkably good during the year 1894. The Committee on Property have been engaged in the enlargement of the Home by the addition of a three-story building, which, when entirely finished, will give room for 92 beds, which, it is claimed, will be sufficient accommodation for many years.

We have heard objection made to the rapidity with which candidates are sometimes hurried through the degrees and orders. But the following decision shows a new phase, and we agree with the report of the committee condemning it:

That no applicant is entitled to sign a petition for the Orders until he has been actually obligated as a Royal Arch Mason. To sign in anticipation of the degree and to ratify afterward is a vicious practice and not to be tolerated.

Sir Knight Lee S. Smith again makes the Report on Correspondence. We quote from his opening:

By appointment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, we herewith present our second annual Report on Correspondence. How quickly the Templar years speed by none realize more fully than do the official correspondents. One year's Report is completed with a sigh of relief, but scarcely is it submitted than copies of subsequent conclaves of the various Grand Commanderies begin to drop in, and in order that the work shall not accumulate their review is begun, and so another year is soon past and another Report must be submitted. And so the years of our earthly pilgrimage, with all their privileges and responsibilities, are swiftly passing by, and soon we will be called upon, "one by one," to make our final report to the Grand Commander of the Universe. We see no reason for changing the policy outlined in our last Report, so follow the same general plan. We have carefully read, and tried to fairly and impartially review, all the proceedings that have reached us.

We quote with approval:

The noble stand taken by the Grand Commander of California in 1893, on the impropriety of using intoxicating liquors at Templar banquets, has received high commendation in several jurisdictions. Let the good work go on until it spreads from ocean to ocean, and thereby our noble Order take a higher step.

Sir Edward B. Spencer, Grand Commander.

Sir Mont. H. Smith, re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1895.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

Since our parting in the Black Hills another twelve months has passed, and I courteously greet you at our Twelfth Grand Conclave. How pleasant, Sir Knights, are these our annual reunions, drawing us together from all parts of the state, tending as they do to increase our interest in the good work, and unite us more firmly in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love. I hope and trust our Twelfth Annual Conclave will long be remembered by us all, not only for the pleasure we shall individually receive in mingling with each other, but of the increased prosperity of the Order, which we hope and expect will be the result of our deliberation.

He gives some statistics and then says:

It would appear from the foregoing that the Order was not in a very prosperous condition, as compared with previous years, but I think the discrepancy can be accounted for when we take into consideration the depression that continues in the business world, and also the fact that no new Commanderies have been formed during the year. That harmony and peace prevails throughout the jurisdiction is attested by the fact that no grievances or appeals have been brought to my notice during the year.

Sir George A. Pettigrew makes the Report on Correspondence. It is quite full, and readable rather than quotable.

Sir Frank A. Brown, Grand Commander.

Sir George A. Pettigrew, Grand Recorder.

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TENNESSEE, 1895.

The usual religious services were held:

The customary religious services were held in McKendree church at 10 o'clock a. m., conducted by Rev. Sir William A. Freeman, Grand Prelate, who preached the annual sermon.

The Grand Commander reports:

The Templar year that has just passed has been an unusually quiet and uneventful one, so far as it relates to this jurisdiction. The continued financial depression which has existed throughout our entire land, paralyzing industries of all kinds, and bringing

in its train embarrassment and distress to all classes, has had its baleful influence upon the progress and development of our beloved Order. As a result, we are numerically weaker than when we gathered in Annual Conclave a year ago. It affords me pleasure, however, to report that while there has been such scant encouragement in this direction, the utmost good feeling has existed throughout the entire jurisdiction; peace and harmony have prevailed; thorough discipline has been maintained in most of the Commanderies, and all seem to have perfected themselves in the Ritual of the Order.

We wish to join in the following approval by the Grand Recorder:

It will be an agreeable surprise to many, and a great pleasure to us all, to read the Report on Correspondence, prepared by the well known author of former years, Past Grand Commander Morton B. Howell. Your Grand Recorder feels that in persuading our brother to once more salute his friends in the old familiar way, he has earned the approval and thanks of all who admired and appreciated the work of Sir Knight Howell so greatly in the years gone by.

The Report is short, but well selected and well written. We give his conclusion:

We have endeavored to give a summary of the proceedings of all the Grand Commanderies, and regret the absence of Arizona and California. Whether they were missent, lost or mislaid, can not now be determined. It is difficult to select, in many instances, the proper things to omit, and more difficult to condense, without injury, the very many who ought to be noted, so as to bring this Report within the bounds of our treasury. With the hope that the brethren of this jurisdiction may, from the foregoing, form some conception of what is being done in other states, this review is courteously submitted.

Sir Orion L. Hurlbut, Grand Commander.

Sir Wilbur T. Foster, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS, 1895.

The Conclave was held at Waco. There was an address of welcome and response, and a sermon by the Grand Prelate, which is given in full.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

While the growth of the Order has not been very great during the past year, probably owing to the stringency of the

times, still the returns of the Subordinate Commanderies will show that the Order is in a good healthy condition, and we believe that the accessions to our ranks have been "good men and true," and that few, if any, mistakes have been made; that the entrances to our asylums have been, as they should always be, well guarded, so that only the worthy can enter. We should look more to the material we take in than to the number; it is not always the Commandery that does the most work, that does the most good for the Order.

We note the following visitation:

Sir H. B. Stoddard, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the United States, being announced as in waiting, the committee proceeded to the ante-room and escorted the distinguished Sir Knight into the asylum, where he was received by Sir D. C. Proctor, P. G. Commander, with Knightly ceremonies.

Sir R. M. Elgin again makes the Report on Correspondence. Our jurisdiction has full and kindly notice. He notes a fact which seems to be applicable to many other jurisdictions as well:

Our Colorado brethren have been experiencing the calm which is said to follow the storm. After the stimulus given to the Order by the meeting of the Grand Encampment within its borders, there has been reaction. If not a stagnation, there is at least a slowing up in the progress of the Order in that jurisdiction.

We quote from his conclusion:

It is with something like a feeling of relief that we lay our last page by and bid a final adieu, for the year at least, to our friends of the Corps. As usual, we put off at least a part of our Report so long that it had to be completed in a greater hurry than was consistent with good work. We have long been in the harness, and outlived many of those with whom we have discussed questions of Masonic law and usage. To-day, more than ever, this writer was made to feel with how much speed our early contemporaries are passing away.

He gives a eulogy on the character of Sir James Sorley, Past Grand Commander, who had just passed away.

Sir James McDonald, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Brewster, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT, 1895.

We quote from Grand Commander Perkins' address:

The review of the year will show that peace and prosperity continue within our lines, and that our harmonious relations with sister jurisdictions remain intact. Disturbing elements have been conspicuous only by their absence, and, so far as known, ground for complaint exists nowhere. Accessions to membership in the Subordinate Commanderies have been unusually large, and it is hoped and believed that none but those worthy of the honor have thus gained admission to our asylums. If this be true, the record will indeed afford just cause for congratulation and rejoicing in coming years to all participating in the present activity.

No decisions have been asked during the year, and no grievances have been presented, a condition of affairs that would indicate that the officers and members of the Subordinate Commanderies have an intelligent comprehension of the duties devolving upon them, and that peace and harmony are not mere surface presentations of the relations of brethren and fraters, who have together assumed Knightly vows and accepted the responsibilities of faithful Templars. May this unanimity and good-fellowship long continue within our lines.

Sir Kittredge Haskins again makes the Report on Correspondence. Of our Grand Recorder he courteously says:

E. Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, is a Green Mountain boy, and the Representative of this Grand Commandery near that of Colorado. His early education he has not forgotten, and stands always ready to help others. We say, "may his shadow never grow less."

Our jurisdiction receives full and kindly notice.

Sir Silas W. Cummings, Grand Commander.

Sir Warren G. Reynolds, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA, 1895.

The Grand Commander reports the death of Sir William B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, which we noticed in our last Report. He pays a deservedly high compliment to his life and character. A large number of visitations were made to Subordinate Commanderies during the year, and the reports

of these visits show the Order to be in a generally healthy condition.

The report on the Masonic Home occupies a prominent place, and rightfully so, in the proceedings.

Sir John T. Parham, Grand Commander.

Sir James B. Blanks, Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON, 1895.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The time for holding our Eighth Annual Conclave has again called us together, we hope with pleasure to us and to the good of Templar Masonry throughout this Grand jurisdiction; and congratulate the Sir Knights of Washington that, notwithstanding the hard times are still with us, our membership has increased, and peace and harmony prevailed in our ranks.

We give the following on a subject we have already commented on:

As requested by this Grand Commandery, I sent to the Grand Master our endorsement of the resolution of Alabama Commandery, regarding the unseemly use of the cross at the next Triennial Conclave at Boston, and, personally, I feel like endorsing R. E. Sir Charles W. Slick, Grand Commander of Indiana, who, in his address, says: "Let us urge our Grand Master to ask all Grand and Subordinate Commanderies to refrain from dispensing intoxicating liquors at their respective headquarters at Boston." Masonry is a progressive science, and as nearly every Grand Lodge has laws against the use of intoxicating liquors, it seems fitting that we, as representatives of Christian Knighthood, should so conduct ourselves that men, seeing our good works, may "glorify our Father in heaven," and when our term of penitence has expired we may be admitted to the asylum above.

We find the following statements in the Grand Recorder's report:

Owing to the change of time of the Annual Conclave, and the general depression in business throughout the country, the increase in membership has been very small; four Commanderies report a loss; three, the same membership as last year, and two show an advance. A synopsis of the returns show 20 to have been created, 8 affiliated, 3 reinstated, 12 limited, 8 suspended, 2 expelled, 7 died, giving a net increase for the year of 2, and a total membership in the jurisdiction of 585. In correspondence

with the Subordinate Commanderies, they report the prospects for the future as brighter and more promising.

Grand Recorder Blalock again makes a full Report on Correspondence.

We give his conclusion, which is characteristic of the Report:

We have arrived at our journey's end for the year, and are pleased to note that with few exceptions the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed show an increase of membership. We have endeavored to give our fraters of Washington "the Templar news" in as compact a form as possible, owing to our treasury being somewhat below the reserve mark, and there being no bonds to issue. We are willing to be classed among the "clippers" by the members of the "Guild," but if they could hear us at home—as our fraters do—they would not wish us to "speak up in meetin'" when it comes to the Report.

Sir Horace W. Tyler, Grand Commander.

Sir Yancey C. Blalock, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1895.

The Grand Commander in his address reports the condition of the Order as follows:

The year just closed has been marked with a continuance of business depression and financial hardship. While it has affected our organization in a degree, it is encouraging to report that Masonry in this Jurisdiction has largely increased, with better prospects in the future, plainly showing that its teachings are lasting, and the fact that it is founded on the "Christian religion and the practice of Christian virtues" recognized and accepted.

No decisions reported:

No important questions have been submitted requiring official decision. This shows that the officers and members are harmonious, and are well versed in the laws of the Order.

The only way to solve the uniform question is to make the fee high enough to cover the uniform and have the Commandery buy it:

In some of the Commanderies there are members of several year's affiliation who never had a uniform, and others of shorter

membership without a uniform. This is wrong. They should be required by their Commanderies to provide themselves with uniforms, and in default be denied admission to the asylum. Each applicant in this jurisdiction makes a written promise to procure a uniform in a specified time after admission. A disregard of this obligation in such respect should not be tolerated.

The Grand Commander in his address correctly says of the Report on Correspondence:

It is eminently proper to make acknowledgment of the able, full and satisfactory manner in which the committee have performed the duty of collecting and reporting on this subject. While so much is due the committee, more praise should be accorded Rt. Em. Sir O. S. Long, by whom the labor of compiling has been done, for the intelligent, plain, readable and instructive style the correspondence is presented. He has performed his duty well and faithfully, and deserves, as he is entitled to, thanks, as the least recognition that can be accorded him.

Our jurisdiction and the writer of this Report receive kindly notice.

While we believe in voluntary membership in all the bodies, yet we believe, under ordinary conditions, that every Knight Templar should belong to Lodge and Chapter; we do not favor the harsh measures commented on by Brother Long in the following, taken from his conclusion:

The chief topic of general Templar interest that has been discussed in the proceedings reviewed this year is, the effect upon the status of a Templar of non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter. There have been a good many "wild and whirling words" written upon the subject. In Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee the Grand Lodges inflict upon non-affiliates, who have remained so for a certain period without asking to be restored to membership, all of the penalties that follow expulsion for un-Masonic conduct. In these states the dimitted Mason is held to have lost "Masonic standing," to be no longer a Mason; to be entitled to no more rights and privileges than are accorded to the profane. These penalties are inflicted by mere operation of law; *ipso facto*; without any form of trial or opportunity of defense. The unfortunate brother who may have been driven by self-respect to withdraw from a Lodge with some of whose members he could not associate in peace, is followed into Chapter and Commandery as one under the ban. The Grand Lodge declares him a felon, and hence he must be excluded from the Chapter and dropped from the roll of the Commandery.

Of course these harsh measures defeat the purpose they were intended to accomplish. They do not lessen the evils of non-affiliation; they do not bring dimitted men back into the

Lodge; they do not swell the ranks of the contributing Master Masons. They beget in the mind of the victim a sense of resentment for the wrong inflicted, and thus drive him farther away from the Lodge than before. But just what the Grand Commanderies or the Grand Encampment of the United States can do about it we do not very clearly see. It seems to us that the only remedy for the wrong lies in the general good sense of the Grand Lodges, and to that we should appeal.

Sir W. H. H. Holswade, Grand Commander.

Sir R. C. Dunnington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN, 1895.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

It is with sincere pleasure that I bid you welcome, and extend to you Knightly greeting. The Templar events since last we met in Grand Conclave have been numerous and important; the constituent Commanderies of this jurisdiction have been brought together as never before, so that now we come together with all the delicious *comraderie* that only old campaigners feel when they meet to recount the incidents of honorable careers.

The Committee on Tactics reported that a system of tactics had been prepared and promulgated and the committee was discharged.

Sir Knight Swain again makes the Report on Correspondence. He opens as follows:

As we remarked in closing last year, our thirteenth Annual Report is likely to prove long, possibly, for the patience of our readers, on account of the shortness of our list. Still, they must remember that thirteen is an unlucky number, and possess their souls in patience. We once knew a man who ascribed his defeat at whist to the fact that he played with thirteen cards.

We give his review of a Colorado decision because it is the only favorable notice of it which we have found:

Two decisions. The first has been censured, but we do not see that it is open to criticism.

"There is nothing in the statutes of the Grand Commandery of this state that would prevent a member of a Commandery opening a bar in his hotel."

We give his conclusion:

The leading feature under discussion this year is the effect on Commandery membership of non-affiliation in the Lodge, as

presented by the peculiar laws of California, Mississippi and Missouri. Possibly this question has been settled by the Grand Encampment at Boston. We have not as yet learned of their action. We have, however, expressed our opinion as forcibly as we knew how.

Sir George C. Hopper, Grand Commander.

Sir John W. Laflin, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WYOMING, 1895.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The year has been one of Templar tranquillity and prosperity; and upon this I especially congratulate you, as this year has been one of great and serious depression in financial and business circles, and one of misfortune and disaster to our people; and while we bow to the decrees of Divine Providence, we should be thankful to the Giver of all good gifts for the blessings he has bestowed upon us, for the excellent condition of our Order at the close of this year, long to be remembered, and that so many of the old familiar faces who have met together year after year in attendance at our Grand Conclaves are permitted to gather with us to-day to legislate for the good of the Sir Knights of our young jurisdiction, and enjoy the Knightly Intelligence and courtesy of this annual reunion.

No decisions are reported:

I have had but few questions submitted to me for decision. Nearly all of them were questions of Templar law, and could have been readily answered if the Code and statutes had been consulted. I do not deem any of them of sufficient importance to submit to this Grand body.

Speaking of Good Friday and Easter Day services, he says:

The reports to our Grand Recorder indicate an increased interest in these distinctive Templar days. It is gratifying to note the universal interest in the observance of this Knightly custom.

We are sorry the Report on Correspondence is so short. Here it is in full:

It is with sincere regret that your committee has no review to report this year. Great pressure of professional business and

impaired eye-sight have prevented your chairman from undertaking the task. When he realized that he could not do the work, he called upon the other members of the committee. From Sir Knight Hayford he learned that the genial Sir Knight's elevation to the District Court bench absorbed his entire attention for the pending term of court, while Sir Knight Rafter reported that he was on the eve of a prolonged trip East.

No one feels the omission of a review more keenly than the undersigned. A review is the life and spirit of printed proceedings. Omit a review and you withhold the seasoning from the soup, or, if you will, the effervescence from the champagne. Any board is the better spread for a few bouquets. But details of business and columns of statistics must suffice this time.

However, the excellent condition of the Order in Wyoming and the improved prospects must cheer every Templar in the jurisdiction, including.

Sir Frank M. Foote, Grand Commander.

Sir John C. Baird, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES, 1895.

The Twenty-sixth Triennial Conclave was held in Boston, commencing August 27. The principal feature was the grand parade. Brother Carson of Ohio gives an excellent description, but it is too long to be given in full, so we quote:

The pageant, the public display, was grand beyond description; nothing approximately like it has ever occurred in the United States, we may say in the world. It has been our fortune, as we think, to have witnessed *two of the greatest pageants that have ever come off on this earth*—the great military display in Washington city, in 1865, when the armies of the Potomac and the Cumberland, for two days, marched through Pennsylvania avenue, with President Lincoln and the distinguished civilians of that day upon the grand reviewing stand. We read about Xerxes' army of a million, and Napoleon's army of four hundred thousand invading Russia—much on paper—but the grand army review in Washington, in 1865, *we know was a fact*; for two days those two armies were marching, *company front*, past the grand reviewing stand; major generals at the head of divisions, brigadier generals at the head of brigades, colonels at the head of regiments; bands of music innumerable, overwhelming; cavalry, infantry, artillery; in short, everything that goes to make up the pomp and circumstances of war, when she assumes her pageant aspect. It was a glorious sight, such as will be witnessed only in ages.

So we would describe the Templar pageant in Boston. It was so grand as to be indescribable. We can only say of the

parade itself, there has never been anything like it before; no civic, religious or political procession in the world ever equalled it in extent and beautiful pageantry. The only military pageant that ever equalled it in this country was that of 1865, before referred to. We sat in the grand reviewing stand and timed this monstrous procession. It was *five and one-half hours* passing the grand reviewing stand, and there were *one hundred and forty bands of music* in the procession—*this by actual count*.

As a matter of fact, the parade and the social features attending and following it constitute the history of this Conclave. As a legislative body it was not a success. Brother Carson says so, too:

We were there as a permanent member; were not sent by nor our expenses paid by our Grand Commandery. With all respect to our associates, we can not but say that the Knights Templar pageant in Boston was the grandest that has ever occurred in the history of Masonic Templary, but as a business assembly the Twenty-sixth Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States was the most perfect failure of any in its history—it was a blank.

The writer attended every session and personally, as did Brother Carson, gave his time and attention to every matter brought before the body. He is willing, however, to join in the promise of reformation and improvement:

We hope and pray for a very great improvement at Pittsburgh in 1898. We trust that the Representatives will come prepared to stay over Saturday and all the following week, if it is necessary, to transact and dispose of the business that may come before it, and ought to be disposed of at that conclave. That is what they will be sent there to do, and our admonition to them is do your duty! We didn't do it at our last conclave.

Finally, we leave this subject to our Brother DeLap, of Mississippi. He can do it more justice than we can. We say to him: Now go in; we, the Grand Encampment, deserve any ugly reprimand or criticism you may be inclined to make.

Although we might not have used the same language, the quotations we have made express our opinion. However, as we have said of former Triennials, the social feature is the predominant idea. We seem to get along very well without much legislation, and the statement made that the world is governed too much is, to an extent true, and may be applicable to our order. So we

join with the majority and vote this Triennial a grand success socially, and will continue under the statutes and regulations as they stand. They seem to answer the purpose and if so, it may be well enough to adopt the adage, "Let well enough alone."

Sir W. La Rue Thomas, Grand Master, Maysville, Ky.

Sir William H. Mayo, Grand Recorder, St. Louis, Mo.

STATISTICS.

GENERAL TABLE.

PREPARED BY SIR KNIGHT BERRY, MAINE.

GRAND COMMANDERIES	Subordinates	Members	Knighted	Affiliated	Re-instated	Dimitted	Suspended and Dropped	Expelled	Deceased	Our Last Report
Alabama, May 9, 1894	10	368	34	4	1	7	18	3	10	368
Arizona, Nov. 14, 1894	12	103	8	3	0	0	1	0	3	-----
Arkansas, April 16, 1895	12	545	38	7	1	12	17	1	13	497
California, April 13, 1895	35	2887	145	55	11	53	84	0	42	2819
Colorado, June 4, 1895	24	1618	69	23	6	35	8	0	16	1583
Connecticut, March 19, 1895	11	2214	158	8	1	10	4	0	41	2069
Georgia, April 17, 1895	10	679	73	2	0	25	4	2	12	647
Illinois, Oct. 23, 1894	64	9109	492	62	21	215	161	3	114	8881
Indiana, April 17, 1895	37	3394	194	53	12	74	48	3	49	3309
Iowa, July 9, 1895	54	4173	238	68	18	149	73	5	40	4202
Kansas, May 14, 1895	42	3176	240	29	9	91	71	1	40	2938
Kentucky, May 15, 1895	25	1913	108	25	4	23	30	0	40	1869
Louisiana, Feb. 15, 1895	4	311	30	1	0	3	3	0	7	293
Maine, May 9, 1895	19	2,904	230	20	3	46	13	0	46	2756
Maryland, Nov. 27, 1894	9	997	64	8	2	14	8	0	12	956
Mass. & R. I., Oct. 25, 1894	45	10,384	693	105	0	146	33	2	144	9911
Michigan, May 21, 1895	44	5373	416	117	6	118	60	3	80	5098
Minnesota, June 24, 1895	25	2335	145	68	3	72	65	0	24	2280
Mississippi, Feb. 12, 1895	12	490	60	3	2	5	20	1	9	337
Missouri, April 23, 1895	58	4030	195	54	9	136	126	0	42	4003
Montana, Sept. 18, 1894	---	337	18	3	2	9	8	0	2	334
Nebraska, April 23, 1895	2	1636	81	34	6	44	57	1	19	1656
New Hamp., Sept. 25, 1894	10	1853	74	0	0	14	0	0	28	1821
New Jersey, May 14, 1895	16	1681	90	16	0	31	27	0	22	1655
New York, Sept. 11, 1894	69	10,420	670	58	60	181	168	2	161	10,018
N. Carolina, May 14, 1895	12	862	39	4	0	11	10	1	9	839
N. Dakota, June 21, 1895	7	406	47	4	0	2	9	0	3	365
Ohio, Oct. 3, 1894	53	7566	368	106	53	141	94	5	97	7376
Oregon, Oct. 9, 1894	6	383	15	5	0	2	0	3	3	368
Pennsylvania, May 22, 1894	71	10,594	621	79	0	105	127	1	157	9628
S. Dakota, June 18, 1895	11	793	51	5	1	22	12	0	6	660
Tennessee, June 8, 1895	15	1065	53	16	2	30	44	0	26	1094
Texas, April 17, 1895	31	2080	210	33	4	71	43	4	26	1975
Vermont, June 11, 1895	10	1396	116	4	2	16	12	0	20	1323
Virginia, Oct. 15, 1894	19	1365	139	19	3	37	27	1	17	1251
Washington, Sept. 10, 1894	9	584	61	32	0	8	6	0	13	509
W. Virginia, June 8, 1895	11	781	88	37	4	47	15	1	11	726
Wisconsin, June 11, 1894	26	2724	147	26	27	87	4	0	28	2724
Wyoming, May 8, 1895	5	250	28	11	1	8	0	0	3	221
G. En. Subordinates, 1892	30	2653	39	38	18	49	38	0	56	2653
Total in U. S., 1895	975	105,922	6876	1239	292	2149	1498	40	1490	101,592
Canada, Sept. 4, 1894	32	1273	195	30	3	37	17	0	17	1116
Eng. and Wales, May, 1895	117	3000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3000
Ireland, 1895	42	1300	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1300
Scotland, 1895	21	525	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	450
Victoria, Australia, 1895	4	76	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	80
Total in World, 1895	1191	112,096	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	107,538

COMPARISON TABLE.

COMPILED BY SIR JESSE B. ANTHONY, NEW YORK.

GRAND COMMANDERY	Standing according to membership	Sub-Commanderies			Percentage of work for past year	Percentage of net gain for past year	Proportion of Knights Templar to Master Masons. One to—	Percentage of Knights Templar to R. A. Masons	Field Standing
		Maximum	Minimum	Average					
Alabama	33	---	---	---	---	---	*30.89	*34.	---
Arkansas	30	109	24	45	07.02	---	25.08	55.	16
Arizona	89	46	27	34	.08.83	.07.29	4.98	26	12
California	11	314	24	82	.05.14	.02.44	5.90	56.	27
Colorado	21	446	24	68	.04.24	.01.35	4.15	67.	33
Connecticut	15	491	53	210	07.51	.05.33	7.46	45.	15
Georgia	28	176	21	68	.11.28	.04.94	23.91	20.	5
Illinois	4	698	25	142	.05.45	.00.90	5.40	57.	25
Indiana	9	171	17	92	.05.86	.02.57	7.93	53.	23
Iowa	7	229	30	76	.01.31	---	6.06	59.	36
Kansas	10	270	30	75	.07.74	.02.41	6.24	64.	14
Kentucky	17	327	18	76	.05.80	.02.85	9.45	65.	24
Louisiana	37	151	11	78	.10.24	.06.14	16.91	36.	9
Maine	12	---	---	---	---	---	*7.79	*53.	---
Maryland	25	259	24	111	.06.70	.04.29	6.64	63.	18
Massachusetts and R. Island	8	783	61	230	.06.99	.04.77	3.70	66.	17
Michigan	6	250	35	122	.08.17	.05.46	8.83	49.	13
Minnesota	14	346	35	93	.06.39	.02.41	6.23	52.	21
Mississippi	31	59	11	36	.16.04	.15.00	20.49	32.	1
Missouri	8	327	26	69	.04.76	---	7.47	63.	32
Montana	36	---	---	---	.05.09	---	7.00	55.	28
Nebraska	20	190	29	72	.04.89	---	6.94	57.	30
New Hampshire	18	290	118	185	.03.78	.01.76	4.72	59.	35
New Jersey	19	236	51	105	.05.44	.01.57	9.07	54.	26
New York	2	512	31	177	.06.60	.02.72	8.27	55.	19
North Carolina	35	48	12	30	.11.14	.03.43	30.96	50.	6
North Dakota	34	115	26	52	.09.04	.06.40	5.95	53.	10
Ohio	5	443	11	140	.04.99	.02.57	5.18	56.	29
Oregon	32	160	20	64	.04.08	.04.08	12.26	81	34
Pennsylvania	1	615	35	145	.06.03	.02.95	4.47	72.	22
South Dakota	26	177	12	72	.06.59	.02.32	5.17	53.	20
Tennessee	24	161	19	71	.04.85	---	16.94	40.	31
Texas	16	190	24	67	.10.62	.05.21	13.14	36.	8
Vermont	22	221	81	140	.08.76	.05.51	6.78	54.	11
Virginia	23	183	16	68	.11.11	.09.11	9.14	56.	7
Washington	29	143	20	65	.11.73	.13.27	8.32	56.	4
West Virginia	27	154	24	71	.12.12	.07.57	6.63	74.	3
Wisconsin	13	---	---	---	---	---	*5.58	*50.	---
Wyoming	38	89	32	50	.12.67	.13.12	3.66	---	2

*Last year's Report.

STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1892	1893	1894	1895
Grand Encampment.....	1	1	1	1
Grand Commanderies.....	38	38	39	39
Subordinate Commanderies.....	902	980	964	984
Knighted.....	7,574	8,225	8,915	8,930
Affiliated.....	1,201	1,377	1,029	1,085
Reinstated.....	308	282	278	229
Died.....	1,148	1,265	1,868	1,394
Dimitted.....	1,869	2,024	1,915	1,858
Dropped and non-payment of dues.....	1,204	1,310	1,214	1,880
Expelled.....	65	47	57	64
Membership.....	92,681	97,765	101,675	106,026

The net gain in the United States shown by these tables over the number in last Report, is 4,330, and outside the United States 228, making 4,558 in all. Our neighbor, Canada, shows an increase of 157, leaving 71 for the rest of the world. This emphasizes what we have often said: Our Order is strictly an American institution. We admit a peculiar love for it on that account, in addition to the many other things that might be said in its favor.

CONCLUSION.

We have reached the end of our review for another year. We have all the reports for 1895, forty-two, counting the Grand Encampment. The list, year by year grows longer, and the task of examination and selection is very much greater than one would suppose who has not engaged in it. Our plan has been generally, to show what is going on in the Templar world by making quotations showing the condition of the several Grand Commanderies and what they are doing, and not to give our own opinions. Yet we have not hesitated to state positively our convictions on the questions under discussion by Grand officers and correspondents. Of course it must be borne in mind that such expression, when given, is our individual opinion and does not pretend to have the sanction of the Grand Commandery.

A great deal has been said during the past year on the desirability of amending the law of the Grand Encampment, so as to make membership or affiliation in Lodge and Chapter necessary to good standing in the Commandery. The weight of opinion seems to be in favor of such requirement, at least to the extent that an effort shall be made to so affiliate; and that no Sir Knight shall by choice remain unaffiliated with Lodge or Chapter.

In our reports for 1894 and 1895, we had occasion to comment on the financial depression noticed by some correspondents, and to admit that we had cause to know its full meaning. During the past year we find these complaints almost universal. Necessarily this condition of business depression affects us unfavorably. Yet we have cause for thankfulness in the fact that our Order is fully as prosperous as we could expect under these adverse conditions, and for the report from all the jurisdictions that peace and harmony everywhere prevail in our ranks. Our own jurisdiction makes a comparatively favorable showing.

Under such circumstances we know that our increase in numbers, although smaller, is of better material, and with us character rather than numbers has always been, and we trust always will be, the first consideration.

In the work of the world, Masonry has an important part and our Order holds an important and responsible position in Masonry. By our profession we should ever be not only ready, but active in befriending and defending those who in life's struggle need our aid and sympathy, clearing the way for the weak and helpless, comforting the sorrowful and helping those who, unfortunately are under the cloud of adversity. A noble work requiring all our energies and best endeavors. Let us individually and collectively go forward in the line of duty and, according to our tenets and profession, making sure of the final commendation of our Lord and Master—well done.

And now, in closing we desire to thank our brother correspondents for the kind words said of us and, too, for the kindness with which they have criticised when they deemed criticism necessary. We remember those engaged in the work with strong feelings of friendship and love.

Courteously submitted,

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,

Chairman.

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Eugene P. Shove (8), R. E. G. C. Colorado Springs
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PAST GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

Mortimer J. Lawrence (1) Cleveland, Ohio

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George W. Mabee.	William J. Lewis.

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Thomas Thompson.	Walter G. Adams.
Frank M. Dunbaugh.	Jonathan B. Kilbourn.
Walter L. Dorland.	

GEORGETOWN No. 4, GEORGETOWN.

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Warren M. Fletcher.	Geo. H. Barrett.
Frederick S. Johnson.	Russell J. Collins.
Thomas Bennett.	Wm. E. Barton.

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Lysander B. Wheat.	Frank H. Officer.
Daniel McNiven.	Charles Cavender

PIKE'S PEAK No. 6, COLORADO SPRINGS.

Andrew Sagendorf, Denver.	Lewis C. Skinner.
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Edward R. Walter.	James B. Severy.

MOUNT SINAI No. 7, BOULDER.

Charles L. Spencer, Denver.	Horace O. Dodge.
Thomas Danford.	Marion W. Hissey, Denver.
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Henry B. Jackson.	Sharon Atkinson.

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Frank H. Young.	Jethro C. Sanford.
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John A. Buckley.	M. J. Wilson.

Francis M. Downer.

DEMOLAY No. 13, FORT COLLINS.

Peter Anderson.	Andrew J. Hottel, Lamar.
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Thomas J. Montgomery.

ASPEN MOUNTAIN No. 14, ASPEN.

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William W. Roller.

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James L. Bridge.	John H. Guilfoil.
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John M. Reynolds.	Sterling S. Sherman.
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Marshall H. Dean.	Charles A. Lee.
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Charles W. Durand.

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Benj. F. Rawalt, Dubois.	Joseph J. Bender, Denver.
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Lawrence M. Miller.

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Frank B. Hill.	Julius B. Bissell.
Ed. C. Parmelee.	Ernest LeNeve Foster.
Charles H. Wood.	George N. Atwood.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

May 1, 1896.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1.

DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.)

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George G. Slater, War.
Thomas Linton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

*Anthony, Webster D.
Ashley, Eli M.
Anstee, George
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Arthur, Edwin F.
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Armstrong, Jesse M.
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Anderson, J. Wylie
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Arnold, Edward G.
Abrams, D. Albert
Adams, Guy
Ambler, Benjamin A.
Adams, Matt
Angell, Frank B.
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Billings, George N.
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Bond, William M.
Brooks, Edward J.
Bailey, Hiram L.
Bailey, Joseph L.
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Bovee, Eugene C.
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Bresnahan, John J.
Booth, William W.
Brines, William E.
Brown, James H.
Besser, George J.
Battolph, Edward K.
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Bogue, Luman M.
Burnham, Norman G.
Blair, Robert R.
Brooks, Charles D.
Baker, Albert J.
Davis, Levi M.
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Bowman, J. Warren

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Baerresen, Harold W.
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Baker, Nathan A.
Bonney, Sherman G.
Beard, Henry A.
Beless, Frank W.
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Bloomer, Jesse C.
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Came, Virgil M.
Cutshaw, Leonard
Cook, David J.
Church, Frank
Chaney, Silas W.
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Carney, John C.
Capron, Adolphus B.
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Cooper, Wm. A. L.
Collins, John W.
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Cleaveland, John R.
Cook, Lemuel S.
Case, Austin G.
Campbell, Charles M.
Croskey, Albert B.
Cooper, Cy E.
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Creswell, Joseph
Cornwall, William T.
Cline, Lynn C.
Cobb, John P.
Clark, William
Clark, James L.
Colby, Charles H.
Conant, Eugene F.
Clinton, Charles M.
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Campbell, William B.
Cooper, William H.
Connor, James T. M.
Chambers, William T.

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Danielson, Frank M.
Duggan, George.
Dowson, Henry
Dorsey, Samuel C.
Darby, Samuel E.
Downie, David
Dale, William W.
Dautremont, John L.
Durkee, Lafayette
Downie, Edward R.
Dole, William A.
Dean, Horatio G.
De Sollar, Herbert S.
Depew, John F.
Dickson, Henry C.
Davis, Charles L.
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Drescher, John F.
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Dixon, John L.
Evans, John
Elbert, Samuel H.
Edbrooke, Frank E.
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Estee, Milton
Flanders, Leonard H.
Felker, William B.
Frost, Henry C.
Ford, Charles M.
Franklin, Nelson
Forsyth, Alexander
Filby, Alfred A.
Francis, William A.
Frewen, Frank W.
Foot, George T.
Farrington, William R.
Ferguson, Edward G.
Fraser, John J.
French, Horace W.
Fairall, Charles H.
Garvin, Jesse B.
Gregory, Walter
Goudy, Frank C.
Greenlee, William E.
Graham, David B.

* Died June 22, 1896.

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Gird, Christopher C.
 Graham, John W.
 Greenlee, Robert C.
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 Gutschall, Rudolph A.
 Gaylord, Paul B.
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 Goldsworthy, Richard W.
 Greenlee, Lewis C.
 Gutshall, Thomas O.
 Gilbert, Lloyd S.
 Guyer, Clarkson N.
 Hager, Clarence E.
 Hall, Frank
 Hatten, Robert L.
 Hutchins, Samuel A.
 Henry, Oren H.
 Hard, Frank J.
 Hoisington, Jasper M.
 Hoffer, John G.
 Hudson, John W.
 Hart, Charles N.
 Harp, William R.
 Hurd, Nathan S.
 Howard, J. Will
 Heasley, Charles K.
 Heath, Ned F.
 Hilton, Frank W.
 Hanna, Joseph P.
 Huddart, John J.
 Hannum, Henry W.
 Hall, Fred F.
 Hicks, James B.
 Hildebrand, Robert B.
 House, Bruce F.
 Harris, William J.
 Hall, Robert E.
 Hall, John P.
 Harvey, William
 Hotchkiss, Charles N.
 Hickman, William H.
 Harryman, Charles B.
 Irish, Frank M.
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 Jones, Lathan W.
 Jones, John W.
 Johnson, Frederick A.
 James, Benjamin L.
 Jenness, William
 Jones, George P.
 Jacobs, Stephen W.
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 Klock, John I.
 Kavanaugh, Roderick F.
 Kimball, George K.
 Kelley, James
 Kirby, Marcelus C.
 Kelley, John P.
 Kiefer, John E.
 Killie, Isaac L.
 Kinport, Jesse E.
 Kimball, George D.
 Killen, Bernard C.
 Kellogg, George C.
 Kisthard, David B.
 Kellogg, Charles M.
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 Knoch, Charles J.
 Kitchen, Harrison M.
 La Due, Theodore F.
 Long, Robert A.
 Leif, Joseph
 Livezey, John, Jr.

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 Lipscomb, Thomas W.
 Lawrence, David C.
 Lyon, William F. M.
 Lambert, William T.
 Lunt, Robert P.
 Lueders, Herman
 Le Bert, Richard
 Iarmon, Charles W.
 Lord, Frank J.
 Lonsdale, Alfred G.
 McCarty, Andrew J.
 McLellan, William W.
 McConnell, James G.
 McGaffey, Albert B.
 McFarland, James
 McIntosh, Charles J.
 McGaffey, Dexter R.
 McKee, Thomas R.
 McDonough, John
 McIntyre, Fred S.
 McAllister, Alexander
 McClelland, Philip E.
 McKay, Smith
 McGrew, Robert T.
 McKenzie, Murdock C.
 McAllister, Hugh D.
 Milner, Joseph
 Mack, Frederick
 Morrison, Thomas J.
 Mouat, John
 Mansfield, Nathan T.
 Miller, Frank A.
 Mansfield, LeRoy
 Mosley, Richard W.
 Mygatt, William R.
 Malone, Richard H.
 Metcalf, Frederick A.
 Markham, James T.
 Munson, George C.
 Miller, Charles M.
 Marean, Willis A.
 Morgan, James
 Moore, Lucius L.
 Middlebrook, John H.
 Middlebrook, Alex.
 Myers, Julius A.
 Mille, William F. R.
 Moore, John A.
 Morrison, Singleton M.
 Messenger, Kemron E.
 Madden, Samuel C.
 Middaugh, Charles F.
 May, William T. S.
 Norton, Samuel B.
 Nolds, Elihu J.
 Nicholl, Thomas
 Nankivell, James
 Norris, George C.
 Nichols, James H.
 Newcomb, Henry E.
 Norvell, Lucius P.
 Nicholl, William J.
 Neff, George W.
 Newell, Lyne S.
 Nye, Willis N.
 Olympius, John P.
 O'Brien, Peter
 Parks, Fred W.
 Pierson, Robert K.
 Palmer, William B.
 Perkins, William F.
 Porter, James H.

Pennock, Homer
 Pringle, Jordan P.
 Patten, Thomas J.
 Parkhurst, William G.
 Parfet, Charles E.
 Palmer, Peter L.
 Piper, William B.
 Phillips, J. Bevan
 Phister, Charles S.
 Peters, Charles H.
 Prackwinkel, Wm.
 Price, John E.
 Pierce, Charles P.
 Pierce, Franklin
 Quinn, William W.
 Rontt, John L.
 Rogers, Benjamin W.
 Raymond, Charles A.
 Riddell, Philip H.
 Rogers, William T.
 Rubicam, Jonathan S.
 Redfield, George S.
 Roe, Robert S.
 Rhoads, Harry F.
 Ramsey, Lee
 Randolph, John A.
 Rundle, Thomas C.
 Reiley, Charles J.
 Rhoads, Justus M.
 Richmond, Charles B.
 Rogers, Edmund J. A.
 Robinson, William F.
 Ryan, Daniel J.
 Richards, Will H.
 Strickler, James M.
 Skinner, Daniel T.
 Shepperd, Sidney A.
 Scholtz, Edward L.
 Smedley, William
 Steele, Robert W.
 Stephens, Henry J., Jr.
 Smith, Joseph H.
 Smith, William D.
 Shattuc, Smith M.
 Hutton, John C.
 Smith, Ernestus W.
 Stevens, Charles P.
 Sheckells, Richard T.
 Southgate, Walter
 Smith, Roland D.
 Smith, Irving G.
 Scallergood, Israel M.
 Sage, Charles H.
 Scott, Charles J.
 Strong, Frank H.
 Steinmetz, Charles C.
 Smith, Pierce T.
 Shearer, James
 Sawins, Alva H.
 Smith, Frank W.
 Scott, George H.
 Seerie, David D.
 Scobery, Orlando B.
 Sours, Paul J.
 Stewart, Ralph W.
 Stark, Albert J.
 Shearer, Alexander T.
 Satterfield, Ernestus F.
 Shaffer, Edward L.
 Salter, Walter D.
 Smylie, Frank W.
 Shurtz, Thomas D.
 Tritch, George

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Thompson, George W.
 Titcomb, John S.
 Toovey, William.
 Traver, William H.
 Tracey, Lester C.
 Tucker, Francis M.
 Toy, Solomon Jacob.
 Tanquary, Nathan Q.
 Twombly, John C.
 Tedford, James A.
 Timmerman, John L.
 Thompson, Robert D.
 Titus, Charles H.
 Tritch, George, Jr.
 Thorr, Rollin L.
 Uzzell, Thomas A.
 Ullie, Uplide.
 Vick Roy, Alonzo F.
 Vosburgh, Nathan O.
 Van, Clay M.

Whitemore, Oliver A.
 Wilgus, Thomas B.
 Winne, Peter.
 Wolff, Alfred.
 Wilson, Andrew D.
 Willoughby, Edmund A.
 Wilson, William J.
 Walley, John J.
 Walsen, Fred.
 Wadsworth, Harrison L.
 Wilder, Asa.
 Weber, Albert H.
 Williams, Frederick A.
 Watkins, Leonard K.
 Wright, Charles B.
 Wilcox, Stephen J.
 Webster, Ralph C.
 Wheeler, Frank.
 Wilson, Charles F.

Winter, Allison T.
 Willette, George W.
 Wright, George F.
 Waid, Orin C.
 Walker, Thomas C.
 Wooley, George H.
 White, William A.
 Wygant, Thomas H., Jr.
 Welch, Albert L.
 Wright, John C.
 Wise, Charles E.
 Walters, Leonard.
 Younker, Jason T.
 York, Ernest P.
 Yankee, William H.
 Zint, George W.
 Zollars, Thomas J.
 Zimmers, Philip D.
 Ziska, August A.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.

CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

(Conclaves third Thursday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

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 William J. Lewis, C. G.
 Newton D. Owen, Pre.
 William C. Fullerton, S. W.
 Perry A. Kline, J. W.

Thomas H. Potter, Treas.
 Samuel I. Lornh, Rec.
 Edward C. Hughes, Std. B.
 Benj. F. Lowell, Swd. Br.
 Clayton W. Bush, War.
 Peter C. Hansen, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, John D.
 Ashbaugh, Abram.
 Aulsebrook, Alex.
 Best, John.
 Becker, Clayton F.
 Bolsinger, Henry C.
 Brannon, John.
 Becker, Henry.
 Bush, William L.

Collier, David C.
 Chester, Joseph E.
 Hamor, David A.
 Harvey, William.
 Lechner, George W.
 McTallend, George E.
 Nichols, Foster.
 Parsons, Isaac M.
 Roberts, Daniel.

Sherwin, John J.
 Teller, Henry M.
 Tucker, Anthony W.
 Thorsen, Peder L.
 Van Deren, Arch J.
 Vivian, George G.
 Watson, Joseph W.
 Williams, Edward W.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3.

PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

(Conclaves first Saturday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Charles W. Bowman, E. C.
 John J. Willard, G.
 Bishop D. V. Reeve, C. G.
 Andrew Park, Pre.
 Cornelius J. Hart, S. W.
 Edmund W. Hathaway, J. W.

Christopher Wilson, Treas.
 William Peach, Rec.
 Alexander T. King, Std. B.
 William Young, Swd. Br.
 John S. Stewart, War.
 James Stanchfield, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Walter G.
 Adams, Alva.
 Adams, Geo. S.
 Anderson, Frank M.

Averill, Wallace.
 Banks, Horace N.
 Banks, Henry C.
 Barkley, Henry.

Billington, William H.
 Bishop, John F.
 Bostwick, Edwin L.
 Bradley, Uford.

MEMBERS.

Brown, Julius D.
Burnam, Curtis W.
Cameron, John
Chew, Edward R.
Chopper, Israel F.
Clark, John Rule
Clark, John T.
Clucas, Hugh E.
Cooper, William W.
Corwin, Richard W.
Cox, Charles
Culver, William E.
De Remer, James R.
Dey, Willisford
Doudna, John V.
Dorland, Walter L.
Dunbaugh, George J.
Dunbaugh, Frank M.
Fisher, Albert T.
Fitch, Michael H.
Frain, Luther S.
Fraser, William G.
Gartley, Wilson P.
Gill, George W.
Glatzel, Frank
Grant, Angus A.
Greene, Daniel R.
Hancock, William W.
Hard, Gideon H.

Heath, Ernest W.
Holland, Alfred G.
Humphrey, William A.
Jackson, Alexander
James, Reece
Joy, James A.
Keith, Fordyce M.
Kilbourne, Jonathan B.
Lovett, Clark E.
Martel, James P.
Middlekamp, William A.
Miles, John E.
Morse, Henry M.
Moses, Lincoln E.
Moses, William A.
McDaniel, Zephania T.
McMurtrie, John A.
McKee, John M.
Nash, Herman W.
Nelson, Charles F.
Newcomer, Charles E.
Newton, Whitney
Olin, Ceylon E.
Orman, James B.
Pearson, John I.
Perkins, George W.
Pochon, Joseph J.
Ramsey, George S.
Rice, Charles O.

Robinson, John T.
Root, George H.
Serjeant, Ellis
Sheriff, Samuel
Shockey, William L.
Shrock, Frank H.
Singer, Frank
Sleeper, John W.
Smith, James Edward
Smith, Graham
Smith, Hugh M.
Smith, Oscar Grant
Stanton, Irving W.
Standish, Miles
Steck, Edward M.
Strait, William W.
Sweeney, William H.
Taylor, William C.
Thomas, John J.
Thompson, Thomas
Turner, De Witt C.
Usher, William H.
Van Brunt, William
Walpole, Nimrod S.
Wartenbee, Robert H.
Williamson, Henry A.
Wilson, Benjamin M.
Williford, George W.
Wormley, Frederick P.

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4.

GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

(Conclaves first Saturday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Warren M. Fletcher, E. C.
Jesse M. Copeland, G.
Thomas Bennett, C. G.
Russell J. Collins, Pre.
John H. Bennett, S. W.
Herbert Gedney, J. W.

Fred S. Johnson, Treas.
George Meyers, Rec.
Samuel Hardy, Std. B.
David R. Wilson, Swd. Br.
Henry Boyer, War.
William C. Barton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Barrett, George H.
Bullock, Charles B.
Cornish, Thomas
Cornish, Nicholas D.

Catren, Benjamin C.
Duff, William A.
Jacobson, Charles H.
Phillips, John F.

Pollard, Charles W.
Sedgwick, Robert A.
Swanson, August

MT. OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY No. 5.

LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Geo. P. Brown, E. C.
David LaSalle, G.
Chas. E. Dickinson, C. G.
Jno. M. Maxwell, Pre.
Henry R. Perdery, S. W.
James W. Newell, J. W.

Clarence Hersey, Treas.
Willis L. Thompson, Rec.
H. M. Blakely, Std. B.
Frank T. Dickenson, Swd. Br.
Jno. A. Ewing, War.
Chas. F. Tost, C. of G.

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Alfred, John
 Andrews, E. H.
 Arrington, John F.
 Branch, A. H.
 Braden, Wm.
 Boettcher, Chas.
 Burnand, Alphonse A.
 Bowdish, R. C.
 Baldy, Jno. F.
 Bretherton, S. E.
 Brown, Sam'l M.
 Christian, Chas. J.
 Crawford, W. C.
 Cair, Wm. J.
 Corwin, Herbert D.
 Champion, Jno. R.
 Cavender, Chas.
 Dougan, Geo. B.
 Dougan, David H.

Dickinson, Wm. M.
 Fancher, B.
 Flintham, Jno. W.
 Felker, Wm. B., Jr.
 Guller, Wm.
 Galloway, B. S.
 Goslen, A. M.
 Goddard, L. M.
 Gear, L.
 Harvey, Jno.
 Hilton, Jno. E.
 Hayden, Chas.
 Jane, Hans
 Mack, Jacob
 Mauser, Jno. W.
 Mitchell, H. C.
 Milton, Jno. H.
 McNiven, Dan'l
 McNulty, James

Miller, F. C.
 Nowland, Jno.
 Nicholson, S. D.
 Officer, F. H.
 Peterson, P. A.
 Pierce, J. N.
 Power, R. F.
 Reef, J. S.
 Recen, D. A.
 Ramsay, Geo. W.
 Smith, Joel W.
 Stotesbury, J. H.
 Steen, W. J.
 Steckley, B. F.
 Swaim, L. C.
 Shaw, Frank
 Wheat, L. B.
 Williams, Jno. H.
 Woodford, Jno. W.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6.

COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Thursdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

E. M. Lotz, E. C.
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 B. H. Jones, J. W.

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 C. E. Bennett, Swd. Br.
 John Himebaugh, War.
 John Courter, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Atkinson, L. S.
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 Bletso, A. J.
 Barker, C. W.
 Boyer, S. L.
 Bott, Anthony
 Beynon, B. L.
 Bates, L. W.
 Briscoe, R. S.
 Bartlett, H. W.
 Bennett, D. H.
 Bernard, S. S.
 Crowell, B. F.
 Carmichael, Edwin
 Caesar, C.
 Cable, H. S.
 Castello, F. F.
 Dowe, F. E.
 Davie, R. P.
 Ellison, J. M.
 Ellis, E. L.
 Eaton, E. J.
 France, Matt
 Frowine, C. H.
 Frost, Geo. W.
 Frizzell, Wm.
 Giddings, E. W., Jr.
 Goetling, C. R.

Grafton, H. H.
 Gilmore, E. C.
 Gerhardt, Paul
 Gough, Thomas
 Humphrey, J. F.
 Howbert, Irving
 Hutchinson, A. B.
 Hayes, J. A., Jr.
 Horn, T. G.
 Henry, O. E.
 Hughes, Thomas
 Humphrey, A. L.
 Hutchinson, J. C.
 Hatfield, S. S.
 Hills, V. G.
 Jones, M. W.
 Jones, A. D.
 Kerr, J. H.
 Kuhn, C. E.
 Lawton, A. L.
 Lawrence, Geo. W.
 Leddy, M. A.
 Lindley, Geo. E.
 Matthews, Albert
 Martin, F. L.
 Marston, J. L.
 McShane, David
 Munson, R. D.

Maltby, S. F.
 Morris, W. S.
 Ortsufer, W. A.
 Potter, John
 Parker, J. M.
 Reynolds, J. E.
 Roby, F. F.
 Reid, H. L.
 Reed, Raymond
 Severy, Jas. B.
 Stubbs, C. E.
 Sagendorf, Andrew
 Skinner, L. C.
 Steel, W. S.
 Smith, C. T. O.
 St. John, E. S.
 Smith, S. Ben
 Mephiason, Percy
 Schmidt, Jacob
 Stanley, H. J.
 Thomas, Frank
 Woodbury, J. C.
 Walter, E. H.
 Woodside, W. P.
 Woods, E. L.
 Wellington, Q. J.
 Waltemyer, E. L.
 Zobeist, C. L.

MT. SINAI COMMANDERY No. 7.

BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

(Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

James L. Morehead, E. C.
Charles A. Russell, G.
Albert T. Henry, Sr., C. G.
Charles C. Bromley, Pre.
William Goldsworthy, S. W.
Albert T. Henry, Jr., J. W.

Geo. M. McClure, Treas.
Hiram E. Washburn, Rec.
Geo. F. Chase, Std. B.
Manuel Jay, Swd. Br.
James E. Hubbard, War.
Henry W. Sheets, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allison, William H.
Baylor, Charles N.
Beam, August
Borler, Sam'l B.
Bradley, Herbert N.
Brown, Sam'l C.
Burns, M. F.
Connell, John
Cowie, James
Crary, John H.
Develine, James W.
Dodge, Horace O.
Davis, John
Danford, Thomas
Downer, Sylvester S.
Davis, Charles
Ellingham, John J.
Fonda, Geo. F.
Faurot, Charles S.
Fullen, Hiram
Fruth, George
Fisher, John B.
Gilbert, Richard
Heizelman, Frank
Hutchinson, Daniel J.
Hathaway, Mark
Howell, William R.
Hiseey, Marion W.

Hult, William
Hood, James H.
Johnston, William J.
Jackson, Nelson
Johnson, Frank E.
Kenyon, Enoch
Kohler, Fred W.
Knull, Thomas
Lockwood, Fred
Luxon, Joseph
Maxwell, James P.
McClure, Harry B.
Metcalf, Eli P.
Mucky, Andrew J.
McGaffey, Sam'l M.
Monell, Henry
McAllister, Dan. E.
Metcalf, Frank P.
Metcalf, George E.
Neiderberger, Frank A.
Nicholson, John W.
Owen, Thos. R.
O'Conner, Timothy
Oliver, George S.
Pine, B. Frank
Phillips, Norman M.
Pugh, John
Rosser, William

Rowen, William F.
Stock, F. E.
Shires, Thomas
Spencer, Charles L.
Simpson, John H.
Safely, Alex. F.
Sawyer, Alvin M.
Schriver, John C.
Seeley, Worth L.
Temple, Edwin J.
Turner, John, Jr.
Tyler, Frank
Thompson, John C.
Thorne, Squire J.
Trezise, John G.
Teal, George W.
Trevillion, Edward B.
Wilder, Eugene
Wilson, Thos. V.
Wellman, Sylvanus
Walker, Edward S.
White, William W.
Whitley, Richard H.
Williams, John N.
Williams, John B.
Wise, Charles H.
Williamson, Fred. L.

GUNNISON COMMANDERY No. 8.

GUNNISON, GUNNISON COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Wednesday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

John A. Steele, E. C.
John E. Brothers, G.
Michael Monahan, C. G.
Samuel P. Spencer, Pre
Henry C. Bartlett, S. W.
Truman W. Gray, J. W.

James S. Lawrence, Treas.
Osmer H. Aikine, Rec.
Ira Brown, Std. B.
William Snyder, Swd. Br.
Abram E. Hizer, War.
Charles Biebel, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Wallace A.
Brown, Ira Ewart
Calvert, William W.
Chrystal, James F.
Chrystal, John F.
Davis, William H.
Edwards, Albert H.
Fine, William J.
Gibson, Ezra

Lewis, Thomas J.
Morer, Samuel L.
Pirie, George
Pearson, John F.
Purrier, Henry
Rhodes, Matthew
Roblee, Morgan A.
Seelinger, Frederick A.
Shove, Eugene P.

Songer, Frank E.
Steele, Frank D.
Tanner, Frank P.
Wilson, Richard B.
Webb, John
Wheeler, Nat. C.
Winn, Charles F.
Wright, Henry C.
Younge, George

CANON CITY COMMANDERY No. 9.

CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY.

(Conclaves third Thursday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

George W. Bethel, E. C.
Daniel A. Bradbury, G.
Charles Paula, C. G.
William T. Bridwell, Pre.
Allen E. Ford, S. W.
Robert C. Stewart, J. W.

James P. Chapman, Treas.
Henry L. Price, Rec.
Adam S. Munroe, Std. B.
Leroy C. Young, Swd. Br.
Jos. T. Little, War.
Caleb J. Smith, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adair, George W.
Allen, David
Batter, Edward A.
Bradbury, George E.
Black, Amos R.
Bailey, Morton S.
Collins, Charles M.
Cassedy, George H.
Craven, Thomas H.
Cosslett, Walter
Carrier, Frank N.
Davenport, Charles E.
Dufer, Charles E.
Dudley, George E.
Davis, William J.
Durfee, Alfred
Earle, Henry
Gravestock, John
Garrett, Daniel N.
Gibson, David E.
Gibson, William M.
Hall, Linville J.

Haskins, Charles F.
Harding, Theodore M.
Johnson, William E.
Jones, Benjamin F.
Jack, Delbert A.
Kellenberger, George H.
Kohlman, Louis X.
Lawrence, Adley B.
McKenzie, George
Murray, John W.
Mayhew, William M.
Mitchell, George M.
McGrath, Miles
Milsom, Joseph W.
McGilliard, William P.
Mitchell, Edwin
Maxson, Chester W.
Mitchell, Jerry W.
Nikirk, Clyde G.
Plummer, John
Patterson, John A.
Pack, Alonzo G.

Peabody, Willie H.
Peabody, James H.
Palmer, Hunter T.
Pattee, David C.
Pople, Roger
Palmer, Thomas D.
Roe, George W.
Raynolds, Frederick A.
Robertson, John
Rudolph, Andrew E.
Rockafellow, Benj. F.
Rockwell, James J.
Rambo, James W.
Sartor, Augustus
Sell, Franz
Smith, C. C.
Slater, Henry B.
Sundmacher, Charles H.
Stewart, Robert D.
Tront, William H.
Tucker, William P.
Weaver, William H.

GREELEY COMMANDERY No. 10.

GREELEY, WELD COUNTY.

(Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Sharon Atkinson, E. C.
William Mayher, G.
Se Barron Willard, C. G.
Henry T. West, Pre.
Albert Igo, S. W.
Dennis Murray, J. W.

Bruce F. Johnson, Treas.
Joseph A. Woodbury, Rec.
Benj. W. Hilton, Std. B.
Henry Ecker, Swd. Br.
Charles W. Wulfjin, War.
Thos. G. Macy, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abbott, Eugene H.
Arthur, James S.
Brush, Jared L.
Barber, James S.
Beetham, James
Childs, Francis L.
Chambers, James S.
Davis, Arthur W.
Eaton, Benj. H.

Eaton, Bruce G.
Freeman, James M.
Hogarty, Michael J.
Hulsmith, Peter
Henderson, Gustave A.
Heaton, Charles
Jackson, Henry B.
Matteson, Menzo C.
Mead, Mark S.

McGruder, James
Madison, C. W.
Pollock, Wm. Perry
Randolph, Calvin
Springfield, James H.
Teller, Harrison
Thomson, James W.
Thompson, Edward A.
Wolover, Jacob M.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 11.

DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Tuesday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Peter L. Hansen, E. C.
George Weaver, G.
John W. Wingate, C. G.
Hiram Bullis, Pre.
Frank A. Wingate, S. W.
Andrew W. Morton, J. W.

John L. Parsons, Treas.
Andrew R. Lewis, Rec.
Chas. E. McConnell, Std. B.
Thomas Rockwood, Swd. Br.
Geo. V. Copp, War.
Wm. H. La Count, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Ambold, Robert A.
Bayly, William
Butler, Charles S.
Cadwell, Henry
Dennison, Patrick F.
Engleman, M. M.
Freund, George
Gault, John
Goodman, Henry C.
Hickey, Charles E.
Hoskinson, Charles
Knowles, John

Kephart, Geo. W.
Klingender, Henry
Klingender, Melchoir
Landon, Dr. J. P.
Morawetz, Albert
McGregor, Duncan C.
Meredith, Joseph
Newman, Charles
Orr, Gaylord A.
Parshall, Wesley W.
Roberts, Frank B.
Russell, James L.

Shaw, Daniel J.
Sheets, Daniel L.
Sanford, Jethro C.
Swickheimer, David
Shirey, Wesley T.
Thompeon, Sam'l H.
Thorp, Geo. L.
West, Geo. E.
Wigglesworth, Thos. H.
Wynn, John
Ware, Harry F.
Young, Frank H.

LONG'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 12.

LONGMONT, BOULDER COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

F. M. Downer, E. C.
W. A. Warner, G.
Geo. W. Brown, C. G.
C. F. Bartell, Pre.
C. J. Gregg, S. W.
Thos. Butler, J. W.

John Ramsay, Treas.
A. L. Gibson, Rec.
M. G. Secor, Std. B.
W. King, Swd. Br.
W. H. Webb, War.
L. H. Dickson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, Frank V.
Allen, Fred. E.
Baker, Chas. H.
Butler, Stephen
Buckley, John A.
Brown, Cassius M.
Carr, Byron L.
Crane, Fred A.
Coffman, Enoch J.
Clark, C. C.
Coburn, William T.
Callahan, Thomas M.
Davis, Frank B.
Davis, David F.
Davis, Frank J.

Daniels, John E.
Dell, George T.
Denio, J. W.
Ertwhistle, Thomas
Griffith, Richard G.
Greiner, James W.
Grant, John Q.
Herron, Ira L.
Herron, Oscar F.
Henderson, Andrew M.
Hockenburger, William
Hubble, Richard M.
Johnson, Thomas F.
Lykins, David J.

Minor, Henry M.
Mitchell, Joseph
Morgan, Joseph J.
Norton, Elbert E.
Nicholson, William
Phillips, George S.
Ransom, Dick
Secor, Franklin P.
Small, Major
Shoemaker, Frank J.
White, Eben
Wilson, Mel. J.
Wilson, Harry E.
Webb, Chas. O.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY No. 13.**FORT COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY.**

(Conclaves first and third Saturdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

James B. Arthur, E. C.
 Leander Giddings, G.
 A. A. Edwards, C. G.
 John C. Hanna, Pre.
 Stephen H. Beckner, S. W.
 Chas. V. Parker, J. W.

Chas. H. Sheldon, Treas.
 Courtland R. Secord, Rec.
 J. H. Bristol, Std. B.
 Frank P. Stover, Swd. Br.
 J. T. Beach, War.
 Ole Helgeson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, Peter
 Armstrong, Andrew
 Andrews, Chas. B.
 Annie, Frank J.
 Boughton, Jay H.
 Brewer, Chas. W.
 Brown, Arthur F.
 Barnes, William
 Blackmer, Adrian
 Budrow, J. T.
 Brown, James A.
 *Clark, Snel E.
 Clinton, John C.
 Cuthbertson, James
 Doolittle, Thos. H.
 Duggan, Thos. H.

Downey, J. W.
 Ellis, Alston
 Greiner, J. M.
 Garbutt, Edward N.
 Gage, Thaddeus A.
 Hottel, Andrew J.
 Hamilton, Andrew L.
 Hall, William
 Hoffman, John M.
 Learnard, Porter D.
 Lull, Celestine E.
 Love, Ephraim
 Lane, Chas. D.
 Lindenmeier, Wm., Jr.
 Miller, Chas. P.

Montgomery, Thos. J.
 Moore, Lewis C.
 Maxwell, Charles
 McNelly, Jefferson
 Robinson, Thos. M.
 Ramey, Thos. C.
 Robertson, Thos. H.
 Rugh, Christian
 Sickman, A. P.
 Scott, F. N. B.
 Scott, A. W.
 Webb, Geo. A.
 Woodward, Chas. N.
 Whitton, John
 Weaver, David A.

ASPEN MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY No. 14.**ASPEN, PITKIN COUNTY.**

(Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

George C. Vickery, E. C.
 Richmond H. Fisher, G.
 James M. Dille, C. G.
 Thomas Bell, Pre.
 John H. Greener, S. W.
 John Sweeney, J. W.

David R. C. Brown, Treas.
 Frederick A. Hunt, Rec.
 William J. Cox, Std. B.
 Moses Bradshaw, Swd. Br.
 Charles H. Pratt, War.
 John R. Williams, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Auld, John
 Bright, Wm. H.
 Canning, John K.
 Campbell, J. W.
 Clarke, Walter S.
 Connor, James C.
 Crosby, George F.
 Cramer, Herbert H.
 Freeman, Jason E.

Gillespie, Henry B.
 Geary, Mortimer J.
 Givens, Daniel
 Keene, Stephen W.
 Lyster, Theodore G.
 McCrea, Calvin
 Mills, David A.
 Martin, George T.
 Miller, Riley

Rice, George Arthur
 Roberts, Joseph
 Shriver, C. E.
 Stevenson, Archie M.
 Soule, C. M.
 Schellkopf, Jacob H.
 Varney, Andrew J.
 Wardell, John B.

*Suspended since date of returns.

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE COMMANDERY No. 15.

ALAMOSA, CONEJOS COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Monday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Chas. M. Ball, E. C.
John Gerseisen, G.
Geo. H. Shone, C. G.
Wm. H. Hirst, Pre.
Chris Wallrich, S. W.
Chas. A. Merriman, J. W.

John Spriestersbach, Treas.
Alpha B. Ruby, Rec.
Wm. Graham, Std. B.
Francis L. Hindle, Swd. Br.
Geo. A. Willis, War.
Walter D. Carroll, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bannister, Amos
Bassett, Alden
Boone, Jas. B.
Chapman, Norman H.
Cochran, Wm. H.
Dubendorf, Horace H.

Dixon, Wm. H.
Ewing, John, Jr.
Eeles, John J.
Franklin, Geo. W.
Head, Lafayette
Hindle, Francis L.

Mattoes, Joseph S.
McIntire, Albert W.
McKee, Milton
Thompson, Jeremiah L.
Tracey, J. Dawson

OURAY COMMANDERY No. 16.

OURAY, OURAY COUNTY.

(Conclaves first Friday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

W. W. Ashley, E. C.
Geo. C. Pierce, G.
Albert Jeffers, C. G.
Chas. W. Haskins, Pre.
Wm. H. Middaugh, S. W.
B. E. Farlman, J. W.

Geo. A. Scott, Treas.
Walter E. Wheeler, Rec.
Theron Stevens, Std. B.
W. B. Phillips, Swd. Br.
W. B. Alexander, War.
Jas. K. Herring, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abbott, James W.
Arlett, George H.
Armstrong, Charles A.
Brown, John S.
Bailey, Lawrence L.
Bradley, Joseph F.
Bradley, George T.
Brown, Edwin B.
Brown, James L.
Becker, George
Coslett, Miles S.
Carney, Francis
Clamp, James
Coslett, Charles P.
Decker, Phil.
Doty, D. H.
Fourrell, William H.
Fitzgarrald, Stephen R.
Hooy, Thomas

Hanson, Rasmus
Hendershott, Joseph D.
Harvison, Alex.
Hinsey, William A.
Hammon, Charles T.
Hall, H. C.
Hogg, Heichel M.
Haines, John L.
Hockley, Edgar A.
Jardine, John M.
Kunz, Samuel W.
Kinley, Edward
Kinkald, John
Kramer, William R.
Lee, Harry A.
Langley, John C.
Lindsay, George G.
Leonard, Charles M.
Lavender, Ed.

Lomax, Louis C.
Mark, Milton H.
McKenzie, William
Nichols, Chauncey M.
Niles, James
Nelson, John W.
Proudfoot, Robert
Phillips, George H.
Painter, Charles F.
Rowan, William W.
Rose, Charles E.
Story, William
Smith, Valerius Y.
Smith, Lou R.
Van Atta W. B.
Walsh, Harry H.
Williams, Ralph
Wilson, Walter B.
Wilterding, Henry J.

SALIDA COMMANDERY No. 17.**SALIDA, CHAFFEE COUNTY.**

(Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

William W. Roller, E. C.
Charles G. Johnson, G.
Frederick W. Brush, C. G.
John Wallis Ohl, Pre.
James A. Davidson, S. W.
Bernard Graf, J. W.

Melvin J. Roland, Treas.
James B. McCoy, Rec.
Joshua W. Wood, Std. B.
David W. Morehouse, Swd. Br.
Charles A. Wilcox, War.
William G. Sisson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bonney, Josiah M.
Boucher, Elmer T.
Cole, Judson E.
Cornelius, Charles S.
Cornwell, La Fayette
Crymble, Hugh
Dale, William P.
Eddy, John A.
Evans, Arthur Grant
Fay, William Wines
Gwyner, John W.
Guerin, Michael J.

Jackson, Frederick A.
Jones, Eugene B.
Lewis, Titus
Libby, Charles S.
Logan, William R.
Martin, Theodore
McGovern, George W.
McIvor, John J.
McDowell, John B.
Mitchell, Harry W.
Montgomery, George A.
Newman, William Martin

Newton, Howell D.
Nye, Augustus
Price, Charles L.
Rose, George W.
Seelinger, Sherman W.
Shafer, Albert
Shively, Charles L.
Thayer, Elmer A.
White, William D.
Wilbur, Ernest
Van Meter, Stroud

ORIENTAL COMMANDERY No. 18.**TRINIDAD, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY.**

(Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

William M. Mahin, E. C.
John B. Hershey, G.
John F. Sherman, C. G.
D. R. Callaway, Pre.
Geo. A. Reese, S. W.
W. Frank Munroe, J. W.

Carlos H. Blake, Treas.
David S. Harper, Rec.
Alex. Sneddon, Std. B.
William Gordon, Swd. Br.
Al. L. Stone, War.
Stokely D. Hays, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bridge, James L.
Rutler, Jno. P. M.
Brown, Sylvester V. B.
Bateman, Geo. C.
Brown, H. E.
Brown, Mart
Cunningham, William B.
Cook, Rufus G.
Essenhardt, Paul
Forhan, T. J.
Guilfoil, John H.
Gibbons, Richard D.
Hall, S. Kinney
Humphreys, John
Hensley, James H.

Jones, William W.
Killian, J. R.
Keeney, W. S.
Kennedy, Amos C.
Leighton, Hampton W.
Linthurst, John F.
La Belle, Jason P.
Miller, Dan'l R.
Milliken, Ivory Q.
McGuire, C. M.
Maltby, W. E.
McElrory, Thos. J.
Nolan, Patrick H.
Peters, William E.
Pollock, Alexander

Pearson, Harry F.
Roberts, Lorin H.
Rapp, Isaac H.
Ramsay, Fred E.
Reinöhl, J. R.
Roberts, Jas. H.
Sleicher, John M.
Stone, Daniel W.
Thompson, William
Unfug, Chas. O.
Wight, Frederick D.
Wade, Lorin E.
Wilder, William H.
Williams, Thomas
Wooding, Benj. F.

MONTROSE COMMANDERY No. 19.**MONTROSE, MONTROSE COUNTY.**

(Conclaves second and fourth Fridays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

S. S. Sherman, E. C.
 Geo. H. Smith, G.
 J. M. Reynolds, C. G.
 A. Johnson, Pre.
 G. E. Anderson, S. W.
 J. W. Ownes, J. W.

J. E. McClure, Treas.
 J. F. Kyle, Rec.
 R. C. Diehl, Std. B.
 I. W. Hottel, Swd. Br.
 Abe Roberts, War.
 J. W. Cahill, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Akard, C. B.
 Bestor, E. D.
 Bonney, A. L.
 Butler, A. C.
 Beaudry, F. B.
 Bell, John C.
 Bostwick, H. N.
 Baetjer, W. T.
 Boot, Wm.

Brown, A. D.
 Campbell, Chas.
 Chapman, F. A.
 Clark, N. G.
 Hammond, H.
 King, A. R.
 Kelso, R. S.
 Kellock, Andrew
 Lees, John F.

McGrannahan, T. H.
 Overhiser, Geo. P.
 Ostensen, O. E.
 Phillips, J. Halph, Jr.
 Robinson, Wm.
 Stephan, Geo.
 Tripler, J. W.
 Wise, H. D.
 Williams, R. F.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS COMMANDERY No. 20.**GLENWOOD SPRINGS, GARFIELD COUNTY.**

(Conclaves second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Charles W. Durand, E. C.
 William Dougan, G.
 George H. Moulton, C. G.
 Henry R. Kamm, Pre.
 John H. Feeler, S. W.
 H. K. Morley, J. W.

B. T. Napier, Treas.
 Marshall H. Dean, Rec.
 Joseph Love, Std. B.
 J. R. DeRemer, Swd. Br.
 W. B. Dynes, War.
 M. Monroe, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, James
 Dinkel, Wm. M.
 Ewing, Fred C.
 Eldy, H. H.

Hallett, Henry W.
 Law, H. M.
 Lee, Chas. A.
 Nuckols, Geo. Harvey

Schliff, W. A.
 Stevenson, Clarence H.
 Swan, Jos. S.
 Tillery, W. H.

AKRON COMMANDERY No. 21.**AKRON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

(Conclaves fourth Tuesday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Cyrus H. Phelps, E. C.
 Adam J. Johnson, G.
 James N. Counter, C. G.
 Louis C. Stephenson, Pre.
 Chas. A. Parsons, S. W.
 John B. Fisher, J. W.

John F. Dole, Treas.
 *..... Rec.
 Granville Pendleton, Std. B.
 Lafayette M. Butte, Swd. Br.
 John H. Geissel, War.
 George W. Ball, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bales, Elija J.
 Barr, Geo. W.
 Bender, Joseph J.
 Bent, Geo. B.
 Bonfoey, Wells
 Cook, Maynard E.
 Gault, John
 Griggsby, William C.

Hamm, Arthur C.
 Knearl, William
 Little, William
 Mc'ne, Isaac N.
 McPherrin, Emmett
 Moore, John W.
 Muntzing, August
 Packard, D. C.

Petteys, Walter
 Rawalt, Benjamin F.
 Shonard, David
 Skelton, Wm. T.
 Twombly, Hurd W.
 Waite, Ira W.
 Young, Andrew J.

*Suspended.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY No. 22.

LA JUNTA, OTERO COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Monday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

E. J. Smith, E. C.
J. B. Pearce, G.
Geo. H. Winchell, C. G.
R. A. Steen, Pre.
Wm. B. Gobin, S. W.
J. B. Sherman, J. W.

John Johnson, Treas.
J. W. Manley, Rec.
Victor Albera, Std. B.
A. G. Stewart, Swd. Br.
C. F. Kendall, War.
H. I. Maxwell, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, C. H.
Barnea, A. S.
Bryant, I. S.
Dye, B. U.
Ehner, Friend J.
Gauger, J. E.
Goddard, John E.
Goddard, T. F.

Hale, I. D.
Johnson, Harry
Keesee, Daniel
Kearby, E. W.
McMurry, W. T.
Miller, A. W.
Miller, Gid. T.
Miller, K. S.

Markham, L. Wirt
McCaskill, Wm.
Recker, Chas.
Robinson, Gerrard
Reynolds, Chas.
Sonpeet, F. P.
Steele, Wm. C.
Tague, F. M.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY No. 23.

GRAND JUNCTION, MESA COUNTY.

(Conclaves fourth Thursday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Lawrence M. Miller, E. C.
Edward F. Eldridge, G.
John J. Lumsden, C. G.
Benjamin J. Snyder, Pre.
David Roberts, S. W.
Jacob H. Rice, J. W.

Benton Canon, Treas.
Wm. Carlyle, Rec.
Edwin A. Evans, Std. B.
Duncan McKay, Swd. Br.
Columbus Bower, War.
Thos. E. Barnhouse, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Orson, Jr.
Armstrong, Geo. W.
Bull, Heman R.
Crosby, David R.
Gleesner, Chas. E.

Jones, Theodore M.
Ketchum, Truman A.
Krusen, Norman J.
Lattner, Thomas J.
Maloy, Ed. N.

Nelson, James H.
Olson, Gust A.
Price, Charles C.
Shores, Cyrus W.
Starr, Thomas

DENVER COMMANDERY No. 25.

DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Tuesday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Darius A. Barton, E. C.
Jerome A. Vickers, G.
Henry Falke, C. G.
Charles H. Wood, Pre.
James H. Blood, S. W.
Arthur F. Harlow, J. W.

Wm. D. Todd, Treas.
Ed. C. Parmelee, Rec.
Frederick C. Smutzer, Std. B.
Lewis E. Lemen, Swd. Br.
Trabue Van Culin, War.
*Thomas Linton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Addoms, Frederic E.
Ailing, Ebenezer T.
Atwood, George Nichols
Bartels, Gustave C.

Bissell, Julius Bidwell
Brannen, Robert S.
Bristol, Harlan Page
Bucknum, Amasa M.

Burchinell, Wm. K.
Burlingame, Eugene E.
Butler, Hugh
Campbell, Donald Wm.

* Not a member.
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MEMBERS.

Carrow, Paul H.
 Carson, J. Harry
 Clatworthy, Wm. H.
 Critchell, Charles Redfield
 Daniels, Henry H.
 De Hay, Bernard H.
 Dobbins, Samuel S.
 Evans, James Porter
 Evans, Wm. Gray
 Feidhauser, Philip
 Fell, George E.
 Fisher, Cyrus W.
 Fletcher, Donald
 Foster, Ernest Le Neve
 Fullerton, William
 Gove, Aaron

Grissom, Eugene
 Handy, Robert M.
 Harkison, Charles Tibber
 Harris, Edward K.
 Heath, Andrew B.
 Highland, Edward F.
 Hill, Frank Bialek
 Johnston, James Crowell
 Kramer, George Walter
 Lewis, Verne A.
 McDowell, William F.
 Malone, Booth M.
 Mayo, Dudley Daniel
 Monahan, Deane
 Morrow, John
 Orahood, Harper M.

Perchard, James
 Puckett, William Jecenas
 Richards, Jesse
 Rogers, Platt
 Schroter, Sidney Haines
 Sneve, Anthony
 Spangler, Michael
 Taisey, Charles H.
 Vaille, Frederick O.
 Vallery, George William
 Wallace, Joseph Talbot
 Williams, Joseph Wray
 Woodbury, Roger Williams
 Wyman, George
 Young, Frank Criseey

In Memory of

R. E. SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,

PAST GRAND COMMANDER.

Born June 4, 1838, at Union Springs, New York.

Died June 22, 1896, at Denver, Colorado.

M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, 1873 and 1874.

**Proxy of the M. E. Grand Master at the organization of the Grand
Commandery of Colorado, March 14, 1876.**

V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, 1876.

R. E. Grand Commander, 1877.

Grand Representative from the Grand Commandery of Maine.

A zealous and courteous Sir Knight.

WE CHERISH HIS MEMORY.

In Memory
OF THE
TWENTY-SIX SIR KNIGHTS
OF
THIS JURISDICTION
WHO HAVE
GONE TO THEIR
REST.

"PEACEFUL BE THEIR SLEEP."

In Memory
OF
THE DECEASED SIR KNIGHTS
OF
OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

Died.

NAME	OOM- MANDERY	DATE
Boggs, James B.	1	November 18, 1893
Rowe, David.	1	May 18, 1895
Jenner, C. W.	1	August 1895
Van Horn, Marion D.	1	August 1895
Freeman, Edward L.	1	January 11, 1896
Watkins, Leonard A.	1	January 11, 1896
Macon, William P.	1	February 11, 1896
Richards, Norman P.	3	May 26, 1895
Getman, Lyman P.	3	February 25, 1896
Fish, Charles R.	4	February 24, 1896
White, I.	5	October 12, 1895
Baker, I. G.	5	January 1, 1896
Smith, Hy. G.	5	February 4, 1896
Lumsden, John	5	December 15, 1895
Playter, A. T.	5	.....
Adams, Charles	6	August 19, 1895
Green, John N.	6	September 1, 1895
Stillman, J. W.	6	January 27, 1896
Veile, James B.	7	November 7, 1895
Flavin, Michael W.	8	June 8, 1895
Topliff, Joseph J.	12	May 12, 1895
Robinson, Ed. S.	14	June 11, 1895
Adams, Arthur S.	16	January 14, 1896
McComas, John M.	17	November 19, 1895
McMillan, Samuel	18	May 15, 1895
Slavin, John E.	19	January 31, 1896
Brown, Charles Edward	25	August 13, 1895

REINSTATED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Rogers, E. J. A.	1	December 9, 1893
Hall, Frank	1	June 5, 1894
Carney, John C.	1	June 4, 1895
Burns, J. J.	1	August 20, 1895
Johnson, F. A.	1	September 1, 1895
Tanquary, N. Q.	1	April 7, 1896
Wilson, Thomas V.	7	January 29, 1896
Adair, George W.	9	May 21, 1895
Davis, Arthur W.	10	October 25, 1895

DIMITTED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
McFarland, F. L.	1	May 7, 1895
Schmidlap, J. D.	1	August 6, 1895
Smutzer, F. C.	1	August 6, 1895
Lapp, J. M.	1	October 1, 1895
Cresswell, John	1	November 5, 1895
Kemple, Abel	1	November 19, 1895
Hopson, Charles M.	1	December 3, 1895
Colby, Ferris W.	1	December 17, 1895
Sage, A. K.	1	January 7, 1896
Riggs, J. S.	1	December 15, 1891
Jackson, Alexander	1	June 1, 1895
Wilder, Samuel D.	5	.....
McMillen, Neil	5	.....
Dale, William P.	5	June 2, 1891
Beaudry, F. B.	5	June 7, 1892
Hathaway, W. N.	7	December 9, 1895
Kempton, James	7	December 9, 1895
Starr, Thomas	8	September 23, 1892
Davidson, Philip G.	9	April 16, 1896
Earle, George W.	9	April 16, 1896
Watson, Arthur C.	10	March 26, 1896
Daniels, Henry H.	11	November 12, 1895
Heffron, Henry G.	11	February 11, 1896
Biebee, Lucian H.	15	.....
Wise, A. H.	19	December 27, 1895
Clatworthy, Wm. H.	21	.....
Curry, James P.	21	.....
Devin, James T.	21	.....
Handy, Robert M.	21	.....
Heiskell, Tyler D.	21	.....
Kinkle, Charles W.	21	.....
More, Marcellus L.	21	.....
Putnam, Howard M.	21	.....
Robinson, Geo. W.	21	.....
Simpson, Francis M.	21	.....
Simpson, Frank L.	21	.....
Williams, J. W.	21	.....
Bartow, John L.	23	November 24, 1895
Powelson, Benj. F.	23	December 26, 1895

SUSPENDED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Plumb, Porter	1	June 4, 1895
Boyer, John C.	1	June 18, 1895
Conant, Frank J.	1	June 18, 1895
Martin, William	1	June 18, 1895
Cramer, Fred	1	June 18, 1895
Harrington, B. F.	1	June 18, 1895
Miller, Alex.	1	June 18, 1895
Treat, Charles A.	1	July 16, 1895
Goodman, H. S.	1	July 16, 1895
Reed, William	1	September 17, 1895
Chamberlin, A. W.	1	April 7, 1896
Coe, William H.	1	April 7, 1896
Gravett, J. A.	1	April 7, 1896
Schrader, Fred C.	1	April 7, 1896
Fillmore, John S.	1	April 7, 1896
Burns, John J.	1	April 7, 1896
Van Hovenburg, D. M.	1	February 24, 1896
Graham, Alfred E.	3	March 7, 1896
Grubb, Erastus P.	3	March 7, 1896
Jones, James E.	3	March 7, 1896
Shields, George A.	3	March 7, 1896
Townsend, Wood F.	3	March 7, 1896
Zimmerman, Wm. M.	3	April 4, 1896
Cook, George W.	5	
De Lav, R. L.	5	
Hundchen, A.	5	
Fort, William E.	9	October 17, 1895
Hadden, George	9	October 17, 1895
Sturdevant, H. F.	13	November 16, 1895
Zweifel, J. J.	13	November 16, 1895
Stone, Lewis A.	14	May 7, 1895
Reese, Charles	14	May 7, 1895
Davis, Thomas E.	14	July 25, 1895
Duddleson, Thomas J.	15	
Warehauer, Fred	15	
Colvin, William B.	21	November 23, 1895
Parsons, Charles S.	22	February 10, 1896
Poland, William F.	22	February 10, 1896

EXPELLED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Sprague, William B.	1	May 21, 1895

STATISTICAL TABLE,
SHOWING DATES OF ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS.

No.	Commandery	Post Office	Dispensation	Charter	Conclaves
1	Colorado	Denver	Jan. 13, 1866	Sept. 18, 1868	.....1st and 3d Tuesdays
2	Central City	Central City	Nov. 8, 1866	Oct. 20, 1868	.....3d Thursday
3	Pueblo	Pueblo	Aug. 17, 1874	Dec. 3, 1874	.....1st Saturday
4	Georgetown	Georgetown	Jan. 24, 1880	Sept. 24, 1880	.....1st Saturday
5	Mt. of the Holy Cross.	Leadville	May 1, 1880	Sept. 24, 1880	..1st and 3d Wednesdays
6	Pike's Peak	Colorado Springs.	April 18, 1881	Sept. 23, 1881	.....1st and 3d Thursdays
7	Mount Sinai	Boulder	Dec. 10, 1881	Sept. 22, 1882	..2d and 4th Wednesdays
8	Gunnison	Gunnison	May 28, 1883	Sept. 21, 1883	.....2d Wednesday
9	Canon City	Canon City	Nov. 12, 1883	Sept. 19, 1884	.....3d Thursday
10	Greeley	Greeley	Jan. 26, 1884	Sept. 19, 1884	..2d and 4th Wednesdays
11	Ivanhoe	Durango	Mar. 4, 1884	Sept. 19, 1884	.....2d Tuesday
12	Long's Peak	Longmont	June 6, 1884	Sept. 19, 1884	..1st and 3d Wednesdays
13	De Molay	Fort Collins	Nov. 1, 1884	Sept. 18, 1885	.....1st and 3d Saturdays
14	Aspen Mountain	Aspen	July 16, 1886	Oct. 8, 1886	.....1st and 3d Tuesdays
15	Rio Grande Del Norte	Alamocsa	April 4, 1889	Sept. 20, 1889	.....2d Monday
16	Ouray	Ouray	May 8, 1889	Sept. 20, 1889	.....1st Friday
17	Salida	Salida	Mar. 12, 1891	June 6, 1891	..2d and 4th Thursdays
18	Oriental	Trinidad	April 23, 1891	June 2, 1891	..1st and 3d Wednesdays
19	Montrose	Montrose	June 5, 1891	June 7, 1892	.....2d and 4th Fridays
20	Glenwood Springs ...	Glenwood Springs.	Aug. 31, 1891	June 7, 1892	.....2d and 4th Tuesdays
21	Akron	Akron	Nov. 14, 1891	June 7, 1892	.....4th Tuesday
22	Palestine	La Junta	Dec. 24, 1891	June 7, 1892	.....2d Monday
23	Temple	Grand Junction...	June 8, 1892	Sept. 23, 1892	.....4th Thursday
25	Denver	Denver	Dec. 29, 1892	June 6, 1893	.....2d Tuesday

TABULATED STATEMENT.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1896.

No.	COMMANDER	RECORDER	Created	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled	Members, 1896
1	Wesley J. Gibbs	L. N. Greenleaf	7	6	6	7	10	17	1	430
2	George W. Mabee	Samuel I. Lorah	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	38
3	Charles W. Bowman	William Peach	6	3	--	2	1	6	--	112
4	Warren M. Fletcher	George Meyers	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	23
5	George P. Brown	Willis L. Thompson	3	--	--	4	5	3	--	69
6	Ernest M. Lotz	Charles E. Evans	5	--	--	3	--	--	--	97
7	James L. Morehead	Hiram E. Washburn	12	--	1	1	2	--	--	95
8	John A. Steele	Osmer H. Aikine	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	39
9	George W. Bethel	Henry L. Price	10	2	1	--	2	2	--	78
10	Sharon Atkinson	Jos. A. Woodbury	--	1	1	--	1	--	--	39
11	Peter L. Hansen	Andrew R. Lewis	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	48
12	Francis M. Downer	Abraham L. Gibson	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	55
13	James B. Arthur	Courtland R. Secord	1	--	--	--	--	2	--	58
14	George C. Vickery	Frederick A. Hunt	2	1	--	1	--	3	--	38
15	Charles M. Ball	Alpha B. Ruby	--	--	--	--	1	2	--	29
16	William W. Ashley	Walter F. Wheeler	5	2	--	1	--	--	--	69
17	William W. Roller	James B. McCoy	4	1	--	1	--	--	--	47
18	William M. Mahin	David S. Harper	6	--	--	1	--	--	--	57
19	Sterling S. Sherman	James F. Kyle	1	--	--	1	1	--	--	39
20	Charles W. Durand	Marshall H. Dean	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24
21	Cyrus H. Phelps .....	.....	--	--	--	--	12	1	--	34
22	Edwin J. Smith	John W. Manley	6	1	--	--	2	--	--	36
23	Lawrence M. Miller	William Carlyle	2	--	--	--	2	--	--	27
25	Darius A. Barton	Ed. C. Parmelee	4	8	--	1	--	--	--	70

RECAPITULATION.

No. chartered previous to this Conclave.	24	Dimitted	42
Number at Work	24	Suspended	36
Represented at this Conclave	22	Expelled	1
Created	74	Number in 1895	1618
Admitted	25	Number in 1896	1651
Reinstated	9	Net gain	3
Died	26		

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY, MARCH 14, 1878.

Date	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Captain-General	Grand Prelate	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder
1876, Mar. 14	Henry M. Teller...	†W. D. Anthony...	L. W. Stanton...	J. M. Strickler...	†P. V. Finch...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1877, Mar. 13	†W. D. Anthony...	†W. D. Anthony...	H. M. Orabood...	J. M. Strickler...	†Francis Gallup...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1878, Sept. 20	H. M. Orabood...	H. M. Orabood...	J. M. Strickler...	M. Spangler...	†Francis Gallup...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1879, Sept. 19	J. M. Strickler...	J. M. Strickler...	M. Spangler...	M. H. Fitch...	†Francis Gallup...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1880, Sept. 24	M. Spangler...	M. Spangler...	M. H. Fitch...	Wm. Fullerton...	†T. J. Mackey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1881, Sept. 23	M. H. Fitch...	M. H. Fitch...	Wm. Fullerton...	†P. J. Coston...	†Francis Gallup...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1882, Sept. 22	R. W. Woodbury...	Wm. Fullerton...	H. W. Woodbury...	†P. J. Coston...	†Francis Gallup...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1883, Sept. 21	J. P. Maxwell...	J. P. Maxwell...	Horace N. Banks...	†Geo. C. Roberts...	†Francis Gallup...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1884, Sept. 18	Horace N. Banks...	Horace N. Banks...	C. H. Jacobson...	A. H. Branch...	Aaron Gove...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1885, Sept. 18	Aaron Gove...	Aaron Gove...	J. H. Peabody...	Geo. Wyman...	R. Harvey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1886, Oct. 8	Aaron Gove...	J. H. Peabody...	Geo. Wyman...	S. H. Thompson...	R. Harvey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1887, Sept. 22	J. H. Peabody...	Geo. Wyman...	S. H. Thompson...	B. L. Carr...	R. Harvey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1888, Sept. 21	J. H. Peabody...	Geo. Wyman...	S. H. Thompson...	B. L. Carr...	R. Harvey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1889, Sept. 20	Geo. Wyman...	S. H. Thompson...	B. L. Carr...	A. A. Burnand...	R. Harvey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1890, June 3	Byron L. Carr...	A. A. Burnand...	A. E. McTaffey...	M. J. Lawrence...	R. Harvey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1891, June 2	A. A. Burnand...	A. E. McTaffey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Wm. W. Rowan...	R. Harvey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1892, June 6	A. H. McTaffey...	Wm. D. Todd...	Wm. W. Rowan...	E. P. Shore...	R. Harvey...	Geo. Wyman...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1893, June 5	Wm. D. Todd...	Eugene P. Shore...	E. P. Shore...	Geo. J. Dunbaugh...	J. W. Ohl...	Geo. Wyman...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1894, June 4	Wm. W. Rowan...	Geo. J. Dunbaugh...	John M. Maxwell...	Harry A. Lee...	J. W. Ohl...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee
1895, June 2	Eugene P. Shore...	Geo. J. Dunbaugh...	John M. Maxwell...	Harry A. Lee...	J. W. Ohl...	Wm. D. Todd...	Ed. C. Parmelee

* Dmitted. † Expelled. ‡ Deceased.

TO

FROM			TO		
REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE	DATE OF COMMISSION	REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE	DATE OF COMMISSION
James S. Lawrence	Gunnison	February 18, 1886	John H. Disque	Gadsden	February 22, 1886
Frank H. Young	Durango	January 31, 1890	Henry Sawyer	Pine Bluff	January 31, 1889
Harper M. Orkood	Denver	March 25, 1879	Frank Sullivan	Los Angeles	December 31, 1889
Horace N. Banks	Pueblo	November 29, 1885	Fred A. Spencer	Waterbury	November 29, 1886
John W. Ohl	Salida	May 11, 1886	Rizin W. Darby	Washington	May 1, 1892
			Irving E. Baird	Jacksonville	June 6, 1892
Henry M. Teller	Central City	January 15, 1894	John H. Ewell	Savannah	November 21, 1892
Roger W. Woodbury	Denver	February 10, 1891	Charles G. Mac	Mattoon	April 15, 1892
Irving W. Stanton	Pueblo	December 17, 1889	S. P. Gilbert	Evansville	April 30, 1893
Albert A. Scott	Ouray	February 18, 1891	James J. McAllester	McAllester	May 1, 1896
G. B. A. Burt	Denver	December 2, 1895	F. H. Loring	Ocala	November 18, 1892
George P. Shove	Colorado Springs	January 8, 1891	Rector G. Brown	Ocala	December 22, 1892
Andrew J. Hotel	Lamar	Sept'mb'r 29, 1891	Albert H. Gardner	Topeka	December 22, 1892
Aaron Gove	Denver	December 24, 1889		Louisville	December 31, 1899
			Frank E. Sleeper	Sebastus	December 31, 1892
Benjamin F. Rawalt	Dubois	December 1, 1892	C. B. Kiebacker	Baltimore	December 10, 1892
James P. Maxwell	Boulder	December 21, 1889	Smith B. Harrington	Wollastone	December 10, 1892
			Hugh McCurdy	Corunna	May 31, 1878
Henry T. West	Greeley	November 27, 1885	Charles L. West	Austin	December 23, 1892
A. A. Burnard	Leadville	January 20, 1890	T. G. Birchett	Vicksburg	December 30, 1889
W. A. Sargent	Denver	January 5, 1890	David W. Wallace	Independence	January 31, 1890
Warren M. Fletcher	Georgetown	December 4, 1889	Anton M. Holter	Helena	December 20, 1889
James H. Peabody	Canon City	November 29, 1885	Gustave Anderson	Omaha	November 29, 1892
E. L. Foster	Denver	June 17, 1884	Joseph W. Hildreth	Manchester	December 31, 1889
Horace O. Dodge	Boulder	January 22, 1886	Frederick G. Welser	Bordentown	June 12, 1878
Geo. Wyman	Denver	January 10, 1890	R. A. M. Deesley	Hudson	December 7, 1885
William T. Bridwell	Canon City	January 1, 1890	James D. Glenn	Groesboro	December 31, 1889
Walter G. Adams	Pueblo	February 11, 1886	Joseph Hare	Bismarck	March 24, 1893
Frank B. Hill	Denver	November 29, 1885	Joshua M. Booth	Cleveland	November 21, 1892
John M. Maxwell	Leadville	February 27, 1886	W. T. Wright	Union	April 2, 1892
Geo. N. Atwood	Denver	March 15, 1893	Samuel B. Dick	Meadville	December 10, 1885
Richard Harvey	Durango	January 1, 1891	James D. Paxton	Rapid City	November 14, 1889
Ed. C. Parmelee	Denver	November 23, 1885	Jas. D. Richardson	Murfreesboro	December 14, 1889
James M. Ellison	Central City	January 1, 1891	John Martin	Paris	April 4, 1888
Walter L. Dorland	Denver	January 18, 1887	Kittredge Haskins	Brattleboro	December 24, 1889
F. A. Hunt	Colorado Springs	January 20, 1886	E. H. Miller	Danville	December 24, 1889
M. H. Fitch	Pueblo	November 28, 1885	Cornelius Driscoll	Seattle	May 1, 1886
M. H. Fitch	Aspen	January 20, 1886	Samuel B. Baker	Parkersburg	March 16, 1885
Byron L. Carr	Pueblo	January 9, 1886	Wm. H. Hughes	Millwaukee	April 13, 1892
	Longmont		Geo. East	Cheyenne	December 19, 1892

DIRECTORY.

GRAND COMMANDEY	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE	GRAND RECORDER	RESIDENCE	CORRESPONDENT	RESIDENCE
Alabama	Fletcher J. Cowart	Troy	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery	George F. Moore	Montgomery
Arizona	Ephraim J. Bennett	Phoenix	Geo. J. Roskrige	Tucson	A. J. Sampson	Phoenix
Arkansas	Geo. Thornburgh	Little Rock	James A. Henry	Little Rock	Oliver C. Gray	Little Rock
California	Trumbull H. Ward	Los Angeles	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco	William A. Davies	San Francisco
Canada	Wm. W. Whyte	Montreal	Daniel Spry	London	Henry Robertson	Collingwood
Colorado	Eugene P. Shove	Colorado Springs	Ed. C. Parmelee	Denver	Harmer M. Orabood	Denver
Connecticut	Lyman H. Johnson	New Haven	Ell C. Birdsey	Meriden	Hugh Sterling	Bridgeport
Dist. of Columbia	Frank H. Thomas	Washington	Isaac L. Johnson	Washington	Grand Recorder	
Florida	Wilbur P. Webster	Jacksonville	Wm. A. McLean	Jacksonville	Roland B. Hall	Macon
Georgia	Wm. H. Fleming	Augusta	Samuel P. Hamilton	Savannah	John C. Smith	Chicago
Illinois	Augustus L. Webster	Danville	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago	N. R. Ruckle	Indianapolis
Indiana	Winfield T. Durbin	Anderson	Wm. W. Smythe	Indianapolis		
Indian Territory	Robert T. Hill	Muskogee	Leo E. Bennett	Muskogee		
Iowa	Thomas B. Lacey	Council Bluffs	Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	J. C. W. Coza	Washington
Kansas	Wm. C. Holmes	Parsons	A. M. Calhoun	Topeka	Grand Recorder	
Kentucky	Ronald H. Thompson	Louisville	L. D. Croninger	Covington	Charles R. Woodruff	Louisville
Louisiana	M. L. Seawell	Shreveport	Richard Lambert	New Orleans	John Q. A. Fellows	New Orleans
Maine	Albro E. Chase	Portland	Stephen Berry	Portland	Grand Recorder	
Maryland	Wm. H. Clark	Baltimore	John H. Miller	Baltimore	F. J. S. Gorges	Baltimore
Mass. & R. Island	Eugene D. Richards	Boston	Benj. W. Howell	Boston	Henry W. Ruger	Providence, R. I.
Michigan	Edward D. Wheeler	Manistee	John A. Grow	Detroit	Grand Recorder	
Minnesota	John H. Randall	Minneapolis	John A. Power	St. Paul	Grand Recorder	Natches
Mississippi	J. M. Buchanan	Meridian	Thos. Montgomery	Jackson	E. Geo. DeLap	
Missouri	Ira V. McMillan	Maryville	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis	Grand Recorder	
Montana	Edward D. Neill	Helena	Cornelius Hedgess	Helena	Grand Recorder	
Nebraska	Richard P. R. Miller	Lincoln	Wm. P. Bowen	Omaha	Albert S. Wait	Newport
New Hampshire	Daniel C. Roberts	Concord	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord	Grand Recorder	
New Jersey	Robert Dingwall	Newark	Charles Bechel	Trenton	Jesse B. Anthony	Troy
New York	Horace A. Noble	Buffalo	John F. Shafer	Albany	John C. Chase	Wilmington
North Carolina	Wm. A. Withers	Raleigh	Horace H. Munson	Wilmington	Grand Recorder	
North Dakota	Wm. T. Perkins	Bismarck	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo		

DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

GRAND COMMANDERY	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE	GRAND RECORDER	RESIDENCE	CORRESPONDENT	RESIDENCE
Ohio.....	John P. McCune.....	Columbus.....	John N. Bell.....	Dayton.....	E. T. Carson.....	Cincinnati.....
Oregon.....	R. E. Linnecott.....	Portland.....	James F. Robinson.....	Eugene.....	J. M. Harrison.....	Portland.....
Pennsylvania.....	Samuel S. Krole.....	Ruston.....	Mont. H. Smith.....	Philadelphia.....	Lee S. Smith.....	Pittsburg.....
South Dakota.....	James J. Casselman.....	Ellron.....	Gen. A. Pettigrew.....	Philadelphia.....	Samuel H. Jumper.....	Aberdeen.....
Tennessee.....	Robert W. Haynes.....	Jackson.....	Wilbur F. Foster.....	Nashville.....	Grand Recorder.....	
Texas.....	F. B. Brinkworth.....	Waco.....	Robert F. Brewster.....	Houston.....	P. M. Edgar.....	Houston.....
Vermont.....	Robert Wright.....	Newport.....	Warren Reynolds.....	Houston.....	Kittridge Haskins.....	Brattleboro.....
Virginia.....	John E. Dismore.....	Petersburg.....	James H. Hanks.....	Burlington.....		
Washington.....	George E. Dismore.....	Petersburg.....	James C. Haddock.....	Pasadena.....	Grand Recorder.....	
West Virginia.....	John C. Rheldaffer.....	Elensburg.....	E. C. Dismore.....	Walla Walla.....	W. W. Van Winkle.....	Parkersburg.....
Wisconsin.....	George H. Hopper.....	Wausau.....	John W. Ladin.....	Milwaukee.....	Wm. C. Swain.....	Milwaukee.....
Wyoming.....	Arthur J. Parshall.....	Cheyenne.....	John C. Bandy.....	Cheyenne.....		
United States.....	W. L. Thomas.....	Maysville, Ky.....	William H. Mayo.....	St. Louis, Mo.....		

OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

1895-1898

W. LARUE THOMAS, Maysville, Ky.....	M. E. Grand Master
REUBEN H. LLOYD, San Francisco, Cal.....	R. E. Deputy Grand Master
HENRY B. STODDARD, Bryan, Texas	V. E. Grand Generalissimo
GEORGE M. MOULTON, Chicago, Ill.....	V. E. Grand Captain General
HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.....	V. E. Grand Senior Warden
WM. B. MELISH, Cincinnati, Ohio	V. E. Grand Junior Warden
H. WALES LINES, Meriden, Conn.....	V. E. Grand Treasurer
WILLIAM H. MAYO, St. Louis, Mo.	V. E. Grand Recorder
CORNELIUS L. TWING, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	V. E. Grand Prelate
THOMAS O. MORRIS, Nashville, Tenn.....	V. E. Grand Standard Bearer
EDGAR S. DUDLEY, Columbus, Ohio.....	V. E. Grand Sword Bearer
JOSEPH A. LOCKE, Portland, Maine	V. E. Grand Warder
FRANK H. THOMAS, Washington, D. C.....	V. E. Grand Captain of the Guard

The Twenty-seventh Triennial will be held in Pittsburg, Pa., October 11th, 1898.

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CODE OF STATUTES
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

Section 1. This body shall be known and designated as the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

JURISDICTION.

Section 1. Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

OBJECTS.

Section 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Sec. 2. It may therefor make laws, pass regulations and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause annul and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for willful violations of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well-being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

Section 1. The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II., of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first nine of such officers shall be elected and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held in the city of Denver on the first Tuesday of June each year.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES, DUES AND FINANCES.

Section 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the order of Knighthood a sum not less than seventy-five (\$75) dollars.

Sec. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For dispensation, ninety (\$90) dollars, and for charter the further sum of ten (\$10) dollars.

Sec. 3. Each subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five (\$5) dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery, and the further sum of fifty cents annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns to include all work done since the date of their last returns to the first day of the month next preceding the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, a list of officers and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each Annual Conclave. The Recorder of each Commandery shall, immediately after the annual election, furnish the Grand Recorder a list of such officers.

Sec. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Section 1. Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees, of three Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto. These committees shall hold to the close of the session.

Sec. 2. The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next Annual Conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence; also, a committee of three on Necrology.

All deaths of members of our Commanderies and all obituary notices received from other Grand Commanderies shall be reported by the Grand Recorder to the chairman of this committee, with all information possible. This committee shall prepare a report and present the same at each Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present:

STANDING ORDERS.

1. Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of August of each year, for such an amount as may be necessary to pay the dues due from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar.—1876, page 13.

2. Resolved, That this Grand Commandery donates to the M. W. Grand Lodge Library all the Proceedings of its sister Grand Commanderies and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Commandery.—1878, page 18.

3. By Chapter 44 of the Code of Statutes, the Grand Commandery is prohibited from making any change in the uniform as adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1862.

4. The purchase of "uniform" uniforms can best be regulated by the subordinate Commanderies taking the matter under their own immediate control, and making contracts with a particular manufacturer for supplying their wants. And subordinate Commanderies are hereby instructed to see that uniforms hereafter obtained by or for their members be made in every respect according to the statutes of the Grand Encampment.—1882, page 14.

5. Resolved, That the Ritual as promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States at the Triennial Conclave held in 1883, and known as the "Short Form" of Ritual, be and is hereby adopted as the work of said Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.—1885, page 14.

6. That hereafter each application to receive the orders of Knighthood in this jurisdiction shall bear upon its face the following words: "This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected."—1885, page 14.

7. A rejected candidate shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and upon conviction, expelled from the Order.

It is hereby declared to be the duty of the Eminent Commander or Recorder of each Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery to publish this statute to his Commandery whenever a petition for the orders shall be voted upon by his Commandery.—1885, page 15.

8. Resolved, That the advice of Grand Commander Maxwell, in his address, upon the impropriety of establishing new Commanderies unless sufficiently far removed from old Commanderies as not to interfere with their efficiency, receives the hearty endorsement of this Grand Commandery.—1885, page 19.

9. No dispensation shall be issued for Commanderies U. D., without each applicant be clear on the books of his Commandery to date of the next Annual Grand Conclave, or present a dimit.—1886, page 20.

10. Resolved, That the "Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar," by H. B. Grant, be adopted for the use and government of subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.—1886, page 23.

11. Resolved, That hereafter all necessary personal expenses of the Grand Commander and other Grand officers, when on official visits or other duty, be borne by the Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder be and is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of any such Grand officer for the payment of such necessary personal expenses, upon presentation to him of an account of such expenses, approved by the Grand Commander.—1887, page 25.

12. Resolved, That the trophy now belonging to this Grand Commandery may be competed for, in a competitive drill, by any two or more Commanderies of Colorado, to take place at the close of the session of the Grand Commandery each year; said trophy to become the property of the Commandery winning three times; Provided, The rules adopted by the Grand Commandery for the drill of 1887 shall prevail.—1888, page 23.

The rules above referred to are:

First—Each Commandery competing for the prize shall consist of eighteen Sir Knights, two guides and one officer—twenty-one constituting the number.

Second—All movements and manual evolutions to be authorized by Grant's Tactics, pages 11 to 148, inclusive.

Third—Twenty-five minutes shall be allowed each Commandery for executing the movements indicated on card drawn by the officer of that Commandery.

Fourth—The several Commanderies entering for drill shall, through their commanding officer, by lot, determine their time for drill.

Fifth—Three judges to be appointed, who shall be competent Knights Templar, if convenient, living without this jurisdiction, to be selected by the Grand Commander of this jurisdiction.

Sixth—The manual of the sword, movements, evolutions, have been placed on five cards, each card representing a variety of movements, all contained in Grant's Manual between pages 11 and 148, inclusive; cards are numbered one to five consecutively. The movements on each card are noted with the page where they will be found in Grant's Manual; each commanding officer to draw from the judges one of these cards, about face, take command of his Commandery, and in the following twenty-five minutes or less execute all the movements on the card.

13. Resolved, That this Grand Commandery recognizes as Masonry in this State only such organizations as are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Commandery K. T., the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, presided over by Albert Pike and Henry L. Palmer.—1888, page 25.

14. Resolved, That on the evening of the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, that work on the Templar order be conferred by such officers as may be designated by the Grand Commander at the previous Annual Conclave.—1889, page 27.

15. Resolved, That the grand officers and the officers highest in rank representing each chartered Commandery in the jurisdiction shall be allowed their actual traveling expenses going and returning from their place of residence to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.—1889, page 26.

16. All Commanderies are requested to report their members alphabetically.—1890, page 30.

17. Resolved, First—Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day are hereby set apart as days of special observance by the Commanderies and Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, and that they have authority to appear in public, in full Templar uniform, for the observance, by suitable ceremonies, of any one or all of the days herein mentioned, without special dispensation. The Sunday preceding or following Ascension Day may be observed in lieu of Ascension Day by any Commandery desiring so to do.

18. Second--Each Commandery commemorating any of these events with services appropriate to the day shall do so within their respective asylums, or in some church of Christian worship, where practicable. The Recorder thereof shall immediately thereafter report to the Grand Commander which of the days has been observed, the number of Sir Knights in attendance, and a brief description of the ceremonies.—1890, pages 35 and 36; 1894, page 24.

19. It is unlawful for a Sir Knight to represent any subordinate Commandery in this Grand Commandery by proxy other than the one of which he was then a member. Unaffiliation would deprive the Sir Knight of the right to represent by proxy the Commandery of which he was formerly a member.—1890, page 35.

20. "Sir Knights belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction should not apply for dimits in order to sign a petition for dispensation, but they should pay dues to the time of the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and receipts therefor should accompany the petition. Sir Knights not belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction must present dimits with the petition for dispensation."—1891, page 21.

21. "For the purpose of settling the questions that have arisen as to the proper manner of executing the following sword movements, on which authorities disagree, and in order to secure a uniformity in this jurisdiction, with the approval of the Grand Captain General, I courteously suggest the following, and request their adoption by the Commanderies until the next meeting of the Grand Commandery:

DRAW SWORDS.

"At the command, 'Draw,' seize the scabbard with the left hand, near the top, inclining it to the front, seize the grip firmly with the right hand and draw the blade until the right forearm is horizontal across the body, the back of the hand toward the breast.

"Second movement: At the command, 'Swords,' draw the sword, fully extending the arm at an angle of forty-five degrees, the sword extended on the prolongation of the arm, edge down.

"Third movement: Turn the sword and bring it to the position of 'present.'

"Fourth movement: Bring the back of the blade to the right shoulder, the blade nearly vertical, edge to the front, arm nearly

extended, thumb and forefinger embracing the grip, the other fingers extended and joined in rear of the grip (position of carry swords.)

SUPPORT SWORDS.

"At the command, 'Swords,' carry the left hand to the right side near the shoulder, grasping the blade with the thumb and finger of the left hand, a little below the shoulder.

Second movement: With both hands carry the sword to the left side, the right hand firmly grasping the grip near the end, edge of blade to the front, right arm horizontal across the body.

"Third movement: Fold the left arm over the right, fingers embracing the right arm near elbow, the guard resting on the forearm, the blade vertical, edge to the front."—B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 29.

22. That the instructions of the Grand Commander in regard to the manual of the sword be approved.—Adopted June, 1892, page 33.

23. Whereas, We believe that the annual meetings of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, in General Conclave, will greatly enhance the interests and benefits of our Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all Commanderies holding charters or dispensations under this Grand Commandery are hereby cordially invited and earnestly requested to attend the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and that all Sir Knights, members of such Commanderies, are requested to attend such Conclaves in full Templar uniform.—September, 1892, page 24.

24. Whenever any Sir Knight who has served as Eminent Commander in any other jurisdiction wishes to become a member of this Grand Commandery, under the provisions of Subdivision 4 of Section 26, Article 11 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, he shall present a petition, signed by himself, which shall be substantially in the following form:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado:

I would respectfully apply for membership in this Grand Commandery, by virtue of having been Commander of..... Commandery No., located at, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of, and having changed my membership to..... Commandery No., located at, Colorado, a Commandery working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,

(Signed).....

He shall also file with the Grand Recorder a certificate, under seal of the Grand Commandery of which he was formerly a member, setting forth the fact of such membership; also a certificate under seal of the Commandery within this jurisdiction of which at the time of making such application he is a member, setting forth the fact of such membership.

After reference to and report thereon by an appropriate committee, this Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein.—September, 1892, page 21.

25. The Grand Commandery requests each subordinate Commandery to perfect themselves in Grant's Tactics, to be able to compete at the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery for the trophy which this Grand Commandery has already provided.—1893, page 31.

26. Upon the receipt of the Ritual, the Grand Recorder, under the direction of the Grand Commander, will distribute the same to the subordinate Commanderies, with proper rules and instructions for the preservation and delivery of same to succeeding officers, and that the Commanderies be requested to use the new Ritual at once; but in any event all the subordinate Commanderies must be prepared to use the same on and after the first day of January next, as required by the action of the Grand Encampment.—1893, page 31.

27. That the Grand Recorder be instructed and empowered to amend the list of members of the subordinate Commanderies published with the Grand Commandery proceedings, so as to show the members suspended and expelled, at the time of going to press.—1895, page 22.

28. The command in Grant's Tactics was changed from "Swords port" to "Port swords."—1896, page 19.

29. That the Grand Commander appoint a Sir Knight duly qualified, to be known as "Official Drill Master," whose duty it shall be to visit any Commandery in the State and give such instructions as they shall require in Templar work and tactics. And as compensation for such services, he shall receive \$5.00 per day and necessary travelling expenses, the same to be paid by the Commandery employing him.—1896, page 19.

30. It is ordered that Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11 and Ouray Commandery No. 16 have concurrent jurisdiction of the town of Rico until the further order of this Grand Commandery.—1896, page 31.

DECISIONS

NOW IN FORCE, AS APPROVED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

1. Only those who joined in the petition for dispensation, and those who received the orders in the Commandery, compose a Commandery Under Dispensation. New members, other than those who received the orders in the Commandery, can not be received by a Commandery while Under Dispensation.—H. M. Orahood, 1880, page 6.

2. The Recorder should only receive money or its equivalent, and at once deposit it with the Treasurer, and no money should be withdrawn from the Treasurer's hands except by order of the Commander or E. C., when properly authorized.—M. Spangler, 1882, page 7.

3. The Eminent Commander of a Commandery stated by letter that Sir..... J. W., had removed from the State and desired a dimit, but that he did not see how it could be granted. I wrote him to grant the dimit if the Sir Knight was in good standing and his dues were paid.

4. A Commandery U. D. can perform only such acts as are defined in the dispensation, i. e.: To meet as a Commandery and to confer the orders of Knighthood. They can not admit unaffiliated Knights to membership while under dispensation.

5. The Commander of the Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, applied under date of July 5, 1883, for the privilege to act upon a petition for membership prior to the expiration of the required six months from the date of the former rejection of same applicant, on the ground that the member who had cast the only black ball at the previous ballot, dimitted, and the applicant desired to visit San Francisco as a Knight, in August. I decided that the rejection of the applicant was perfectly legal, and there was no good reason why he should not wait the usual period.—M. H. Fitch, 1883, page 5.

To the last decision the Grand Commandery adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which said:

This decision is approved and heartily recommended for the guidance of Grand Commanderies in similar cases in future.—1883, page 10.

6. My correspondence in the nature of advice and instruction to Sir Knights engaged in the starting of new Commanderies has been somewhat extensive, and I report some of the features which may appear trivial to you, for the instruction of such as are not so well informed, and may desire to inaugurate new Commanderies hereafter.

7. Sir Knights engaged in the inauguration of new Commanderies should first of all obtain from the Grand Recorder a copy of the last proceedings of the Grand Commandery, and a copy of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

8. Applications should show from whence the applicants hail.

9. A recommendation of a petition, though of a general character and not specific according to the formula, should be understood as covering all points that are essential for the Grand Commander to know.

10. All papers essential for a dispensation become part of the permanent records of the Grand Recorder's office, and mutilated papers, therefore, cannot be accepted.

11. Promises to forward essential papers at some future period after the issuance of dispensation are useless. The papers must be supplied in advance.

12. Labored assertions to the Grand Commander that applications are correct and ought to be satisfactory should be avoided as superfluous and bordering on impertinence.

13. Petitions must be endorsed by the nearest Commandery, and not necessarily by the most convenient.

14. The officers of a Commandery Under Dispensation can not be installed, but, on receipt of their authority, assemble the Sir Knights, read the same, open a Commandery and proceed to work.

15. The Grand Commander can not take five or six Sir Knights to visit a neighboring town, there open a Commandery and make enough Knights to apply for a dispensation, and no Grand Commander would do so if he could.

16. All signers to the application for dispensation, and all Knighted in that Commandery, have the right to vote on petitions in a Commandery Under Dispensation.

17. The three principal officers of a Commandery Under Dispensation, as such, can not form and open a Commandery for the transaction of business as three Sir Knights hailing from three different Commanderies, under the sanction of a warrant from some Grand Commandery.

18. Question: "Can a non-affiliate in Lodge and Chapter receive the orders in Colorado?" Answer in full: "The Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States declares it unnecessary for an applicant for the orders to be a member of Lodge or Chapter; yet another section declares that expulsion or suspension from his Masonic rights by Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. The Grand Lodge of Colorado has a law that all non-affiliates not making application for membership within twelve months shall be deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry. A Grand Master's ruling on this has been approved by Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge, that the penalty for non-affiliation can be inflicted only after charges and trial. There is, therefore, no law to prevent the orders being conferred on a non-affiliated Master and Royal Arch Mason. Yet, if such person has been a non-affiliated Master for twelve months, he is every day living in opposition to a Grand Lodge law, for which he is liable at any moment to be placed under charges and convicted, in which event he would be deprived of all rights and privileges in his Commandery and of all intercourse with the Order. Therefore, while the non-affiliate is eligible for the orders, if not deprived of his Masonic rights, it is certainly not prudent to confer them upon him during existing Grand Lodge laws."—R. W. Woodbury, 1884, pages 6 to 9.

19. A member can not interpose an objection to the conferring of the order in the midst of the ceremony, for reasons that existed prior to the initial steps.—J. P. Maxwell, 1885, page 10.

20. The E. C. of No. 16 asked how his Commandery should proceed to confer the orders of Knighthood upon a candidate elected to receive them in No. 8.

I replied:

There are two methods:

First—Upon request of No. 8, in which event all fees would belong to No. 8, and to which the candidate would regularly belong when created, and to become a member of No. 16 it would

be necessary for him to dimit from No. 8 and join by affiliation. In that case a dispensation from the Grand Commander, empowering No. 16 to confer the orders would be necessary before you could proceed. (See Title 44, Section 1, of Code of Grand Encampment.)

Second—Upon a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of No. 16 by No. 8, granted by unanimous vote, and a petition in due form presented to your Commandery, accompanied by such waiver, which petition would take the same course as other petitions for the orders, and when created the candidate would be a member of No. 16. The fee paid No. 8 at the time of making the application for the orders would in this case belong to that Commandery.—J. H. Peabody, 1890, page 18.

21. A by-law providing for a summary suspension of members without previous trial and conviction is in violation of the Code of Statutes and of a well known general principle of law.

22. A petition was received, unaccompanied by the fee, but the payment was guaranteed; the fee was paid before ballot. I decided that the petition was regularly before the Commandery.

23. A Commandery desiring to celebrate any of the Templar festivals or any other than the regular festival days would require a dispensation to enable them to do so.—B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 24.

24. A petition that stated that affiant "had not made previous application here" is insufficient, as it does not contain the information required by Section 1 of Title 45 of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and that it could be ordered laid on the table or returned to the petitioner, as might be thought best.

25. It is immaterial whether the application for waiver be made by the applicant or by the Commandery; the better course would be for the applicant to secure the waiver himself, and attach it to the petition.—B. L. Carr, September, 1892, page 8.

26. A Commandery has the right to try an affiliated Sir Knight belonging to a sister Commandery, for an offense committed within its territorial jurisdiction.—A. B. McGaffey, 1894, page 11.

27. That one of our Commanderies was authorized to confer the orders on a candidate temporarily sojourning in their midst, at the request of a Commandery in another jurisdiction, which had elected him to receive them; and that our Commandery would be entitled to only such fees collected or charged as the other Commandery might see fit to send it; and the candidate became a member of the other Commandery, on compliance with its by-laws.—W. D. Todd, 1895, page 11.

28. A dimitted Knight Templar has the right to apply for membership wherever he may elect.—W. W. Rowan, 1896, page 12.

DECISIONS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

1895

There were eighteen decisions of the Grand Master, reported upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted by the Grand Encampment.

I. An Emergent Commandery was censured because it made a Sir Knight of one who had been elected to receive the order in another Commandery, without first obtaining the waiver of jurisdiction and consent, and conducting itself irregularly in conferring "the Orders upon him without a petition."

II. A Past Grand Commander removing his residence from the Grand Jurisdiction where he is affiliated, remains a member of his own Grand Commandery as long as he is a member of one of its Subordinates, whether he continues to reside in its jurisdiction or not. Approved.

III. To the question, "whether a Knight Templar may dimit from his Commandery and affiliate in another Commandery without changing his residence, both Commanderies being in the same jurisdiction," (State), the answer of the Grand Master was in the affirmative, and this was approved.

IV. "Can an officer of a Subordinate Commandery, holding proxies for absent officers, vote in his own right and also upon his proxies," was answered affirmatively, and this was approved.

V. An expelled Knight Templar is a competent witness on the trial of a Knight Templar. He can be sworn and give his testimony the same as a profane. Approved.

VI. The Grand Master decided that if a Sir Knight were to take a dimit from a Commandery in Missouri, he residing in Iowa, he could not affiliate with another Commandery in Missouri, and that he would be required to affiliate with a Commandery in Iowa, if at all. "An unaffiliated Sir Knight can apply for an affiliation only in Grand Jurisdiction where he resides." Approved.

VII. "The waiving of jurisdiction by a Commandery is substantially the same as granting the petition for the Orders, and in all cases must be secret ballot and unanimous." This was approved.

VIII. A member of a commandery, U. D., holds his right as such (in his original Commandery) in abeyance. Should the Commandery, U. D., fail to become permanent, then the membership in the original Commandery is reinstated. This was approved.

IX. A change of membership by a Past Commander within the same jurisdiction does not effect his permanent membership in the Grand Commandery. Approved.

X. There is no law of the Grand Encampment providing for representatives for a term of years, commencing with each Triennial Conclave. Approved.

XI. Any Companion Royal Arch Mason in good standing may petition a Commandery for the Orders, and having signed such a petition, as the law of the Grand Encampment requires, he can not be further questioned on the subject of his faith. No Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, has the right to add new requirements. Approved.

XII. Question. Does a pro rata assessment levied by a Grand Commandery on the members of its jurisdiction for the purpose of securing and maintaining headquarters at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment come under the inhibition of Section 3 of Title 6 of the Code and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, whether a member participates or not? Answer. Section 3 of Title 6, to which you refer, does not apply in this case, but is governed by Section 1, Title 6, which gives a Grand Commandery authority to levy and collect such pro rata assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses of the body. Approved.

XIII. A petition for the Orders of Knighthood cannot be withdrawn after having been properly received by the Commandery, under Section 10, Title 45, of the Code; that is, unless it shall appear that the Commandery has no jurisdiction over the petitioner. Approved.

XIV. Members of a Commandery, U. D., are not required to pay dues in the original Commandery during the time until the new Commandery receives its charter. Approved.

XV. While there is a seeming conflict between Sections 2, 3 and 5, Title 34 of the Code, the committee reported that the Commandery to which application has been made by one rejected in another Commandery should ask the consent and waiver of the Commandery rejecting him. Adopted.

XVI. The title and designation of the Commander of a Subordinate Commandery is "Eminent," hence all orders should be signed "Eminent Commander."

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, says:

"There seems to be no rule requiring the Commander of a Commandery to affix his title to his signature. There can be no objection to it and it may be good judgment to do so, but the committee regards it rather as a matter of taste than of law. The decision of the Grand Master in this respect is correct and should be approved, so far as it relates to the title of the Commander, but the committee are of the opinion that there is no rule of law which requires him to affix his title to his signature."

XVII. There is no rule of law that fixes the time within which a Companion, having been elected, must appear and receive the Orders, or be compelled again to petition for and pass ballot. Approved.

XVIII. The Grand Master held that "the Sir Knight was suspended for non-payment of dues by his own Chapter, and proper notice was given by the Chapter to his Commandery, when it suspended him. The suspension of the Sir Knight by his Chapter for non-payment of dues to that body deprives him of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order until such suspension is removed."

The Committee on Jurisprudence examined this matter and reported at considerable length. It seems the Sir Knight had been suspended for non-payment of dues in both Lodge and Chapter, and notice given to the Commandery of these suspensions. He was afterward restored to membership in the Lodge, having paid his dues, and then tendered payment of the delinquent dues to his Chapter, and applied for reinstatement, but his request was denied. Question: "What is his standing in his Commandery?" The Grand Master decided as above, and the committee say: "Membership in a Lodge, Chapter or Commandery is a privilege and a right incident to the possession of the degrees or orders, as the case may be, and no person can be deprived of them without some form of trial, after notice and hearing, and by the judgment of such tribunal as the local law provides. The principles of the common law of Masonry and of the Order of the Temple, controlling the rights and duties of the members of the Craft, and of the several organizations to which they belong, require some such form of procedure. In those jurisdictions where the laws of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter provide that failure to pay one's dues, after due trial and conviction, work a suspension from the rights and privileges of Masonry, the effect would be the suspension of such person in the Com-

mandery from the privileges pertaining thereto in the same and to a like extent.

"In the Constitutions of Grand Lodges generally, through the country, there is a very marked distinction between delinquency in payment of dues and crimes against the moral law. This is apparent from the punishment inflicted, in the one case being simply suspension from membership, to be regained by the payment of the debt; in the other the severest penalties known to the Fraternity are inflicted

"A delinquent's restoration to the rights of Masonry by his Lodge or Chapter restores him to his status in his Commandery. In the jurisdiction where the nonpayment of dues and conviction thereof only has the effect of non-affiliation, leaving him in good standing as a Mason, it does not affect his standing as a Templar. There is no general rule of law by which non-affiliation as a Master Mason or a Royal Arch Mason affects membership or standing in the Commandery, and Title 4, Section 1, of the Code of Statutes, provide, that 'non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter does not prevent one otherwise qualified from petitioning for and receiving the Orders of Knighthood. By merely becoming a non-affiliate in Lodge or Chapter, a Templar does not lose his standing in a Commandery.'

"The failure to pay dues is not a Masonic crime in the sense of an offense against the moral law, and conviction of delinquency in this respect, and removal from membership, does not taint the moral character of the brother in that sense which forbids the members of the Fraternity to recognize him as a brother."***

Title 23, Section 8, of the Code, is as follows: "Striking from the roll, or suspension for non-payment of dues, by the Lodge or Chapter has the effect given to it by the laws of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction; it depends upon these laws whether the Masonic rights are taken away or certain disabilities are incurred. Templar rights are taken away in the former case, but not necessarily in the latter. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence held that the statutes of the Grand Encampment make the question of jurisdiction to depend upon "residence" and not upon "citizenship" or the right to vote. The report was adopted.

UNIFORM.

The uniform of a Knight Templar, as adopted and prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Colorado at the Annual Conclave in 1888.

FULL DRESS.

Black frock coat, black pantaloons, sword, belt, shoulder straps, gloves, gauntlets and chapeau.

COAT.

The coat shall be of black broadcloth, single-breasted, the skirts to extend from two-thirds to three-fourths the distance from the hip joint to the bend of the knee.

There shall be a row of nine flat black cloth buttons on the breast, equal in distance one from the other, four buttons on the back and skirt, two at the hip and one at the lower end of each side edge; two smaller buttons of the same kind on the lower seam at the wrist.

The side edges to extend two-thirds the length of the skirt.

A stand-up collar of the same material as the coat, not less than one nor more than one and one-half inches in height, square corners in front and slope up and backwards slightly.

The edges plain, the lining black.

An appropriate cross may be worn on the outside of the cuff.

It is not intended to make the wearing of the regulation coat obligatory. A frock coat of black cloth in the usual style may be worn. But Sir Knights hereafter procuring uniforms shall conform to the foregoing requirements.

PANTALOONS.

Of black broadcloth or doe-skin.

SWORD.

To be thirty-four to forty inches long, inclusive of scabbard; helmet head, cross handle and metal scabbard, with cross of proper grade one inch in height.

a. For Sir Knights: White metal scabbard suspended by three white metal rings; hilt black, ornamented with Passion Cross.

- b. Eminent and Past Eminent Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated, with Passion Cross on white ivory hilt.
- c. Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated; Templar Cross on white ivory hilt.
- d. The hilt may have the owner's monogram on one side.

BELT.

Red enameled or patent leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, fastened around the body with a clasp.

- a. For Sir Knights: Color, vermillion red; the belt to be stitched in double rows with white silk; clasp of white metal, plain, oval shaped, with Passion Cross on face of clasp.

(N. B.—Commanderies may have name and number on face of clasp, providing all members wear the same.)

Two short barrel chains of white metal to support the sword, and a third chain to extend from left button on back of coat to lower ring of scabbard; chain supported by metal slides from the belt, with a hook on which to hang the sword at the belt on the front side.

- b. Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above, with gilt clasp, one strip of gold lace in center of belt, half inch wide, and gilt chains for carrying sword.

- c. Officers of Grand Commandery, so long as they remain in office: Same as above, except a Templar Cross on belt clasp, and two strips of gold lace, one-quarter of an inch wide, on upper and lower edge of belt.

- d. Past Grand Commanders: Same as above, except three strips of gold lace, one-quarter of an inch wide, proportionately divided.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

To be such as are set forth and described in the edict of 1862, and subsequent amendments of the Grand Encampment, and can be worn only by officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders, Past Commanders, General-issimos and Captains-General.

INSIGNIA OF OFFICE.

As the Statutes of the Grand Encampment forbid the use of shoulder straps by any officer of a Commandery under the rank of Captain-General, it is hereby ordered that such subordinate officers be entitled to wear an embroidery in silver on both sleeves, between the elbow and shoulder, designating the office they respectively bear. Said embroidery to be two inches square.

The wearing of jewels, coats of arms or badges of any kind other than those strictly Masonic is prohibited in any public display of the Order.

GLOVES.

Shall be of buff lisle thread.

CHAPEAU.

a. For Sir Knights: The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, two black and one white ostrich plumes; red velvet Passion Cross on left side, in black satin rosette. The front and rear peaks of chapeau to be extended four and one-fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at head.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: The same, except gold Passion Cross and rays.

c. Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders: Same, with embroidered gold Templar Cross in red velvet.

CAP.

For Commanders, Past Commanders and officers of the Grand Commandery: To be of black cloth, three inches in height, with straight visor and rounded points; around the base of the cap to be a band of gold lace, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side a gold button, fastening a double gold cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond with the cross on the chapeau.

For Sir Knights and Officers below the rank of Commander: To be of the same style and material as that worn by a Commander; the gold band to be omitted and in place of same to be a band of black silk webbing, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side to be a silver button, fastening a double silver cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond with the cross on the chapeau.

All caps to have glazed covers for service in stormy weather.

CROSSES.

Sir Knights, Commanders and Past Commanders of subordinate Commanderies will wear the Passion Cross.

Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders, the Templar Cross.

On the side of the chapeau, to be three inches in height; on the sword, one inch; on the gauntlet, two inches.—1888, page 18.

Resolved, That all the Commanderies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, which are now fully equipped with ivory-hilted swords, may continue their use in the equipment of newly-made Knights, but that the newly Knighted of Commanderies which are not so equipped, and all those Knighted in new Commanderies shall conform strictly in all its particulars to the Statutes of this Grand Commandery entitled "Uniform," as adopted at the Annual Conclave in 1888.—1890, page 20.

FORMS.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir.....,
Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and, that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at, and to be known as Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir..... to be the first Commander; Sir..... to be the first Generalissimo, and Sir..... to be the first Captain-General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at....., in the county of....., and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of the R. E. Grand Commander, the statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment and the usages of the Order.

Date.....

The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order, and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.00.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of.....
Commandery No., Knights Templar, stationed at.....,
Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing; that I received the degrees of E. A., F. C., and M. M. in Lodge No., located at, and am now a member of Lodge No., located at.....; that I received the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A.

In Chapter No., located at....., and am now a member of..... Chapter No. ..., located at.....; and that I am desirous of receiving the several orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

(Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.)

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Commandery, within a period of four months.

I was born, A. D., at..... My residence is; my occupation is.....

Dated at....., Colo.,, A. D. 18..

We recommend Companion to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

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(The candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information save that he has been rejected.)—See Standing Order 7.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report.....

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....., Colo.,, A. D. 18.., A. O.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of.....
Commandery No. ..., Knights Templar, stationed at.....,
Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar and late a member of..... Commandery No. ..., stationed at....., as appears by my dimit, herewith presented, dated.....; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Commandery within a period of four months.

I was born....., A. D....., at.....; my
residence is.....; my occupation is.....
....., Colo., A. D. 18.., A. O. 77..

We recommend Sir..... to the favorable consid-
eration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

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The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the
within petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the
trust confided to them, and report:

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GRAND OFFICERS OF COLORADO.

1896-1897.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

EUGENE P. SHOVE, Gunnison G. C.
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH, Pueblo D. G. C.
JOHN M. MAXWELL, Leadville G. G.
HARRY A. LEE, Denver G. C. G.
WILLIAM D. TODD, Denver G. Treas.
ED. C. PARMELEE, Masonic Temple, Denver G. Rec.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

JAMES H. PEABODY Canon City.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD Denver.

The Twenty-second Annual will be held in Denver, Tuesday, June 1, 1897.

GRAND LODGE, 1895-96.

WM. D. PEIRCE, Denver G. M.
ED. C. PARMELEE, Denver G. Sec.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD Denver.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF Denver.

The Thirty-sixth Annual will be held in Denver, Tuesday, September 15, 1896.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, 1895-96.

GEORGE T. COOPER, Amethyst G. H. P.
ED. C. PARMELEE, Denver G. Sec.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

ALPHONSE A. BURNAND Leadville.

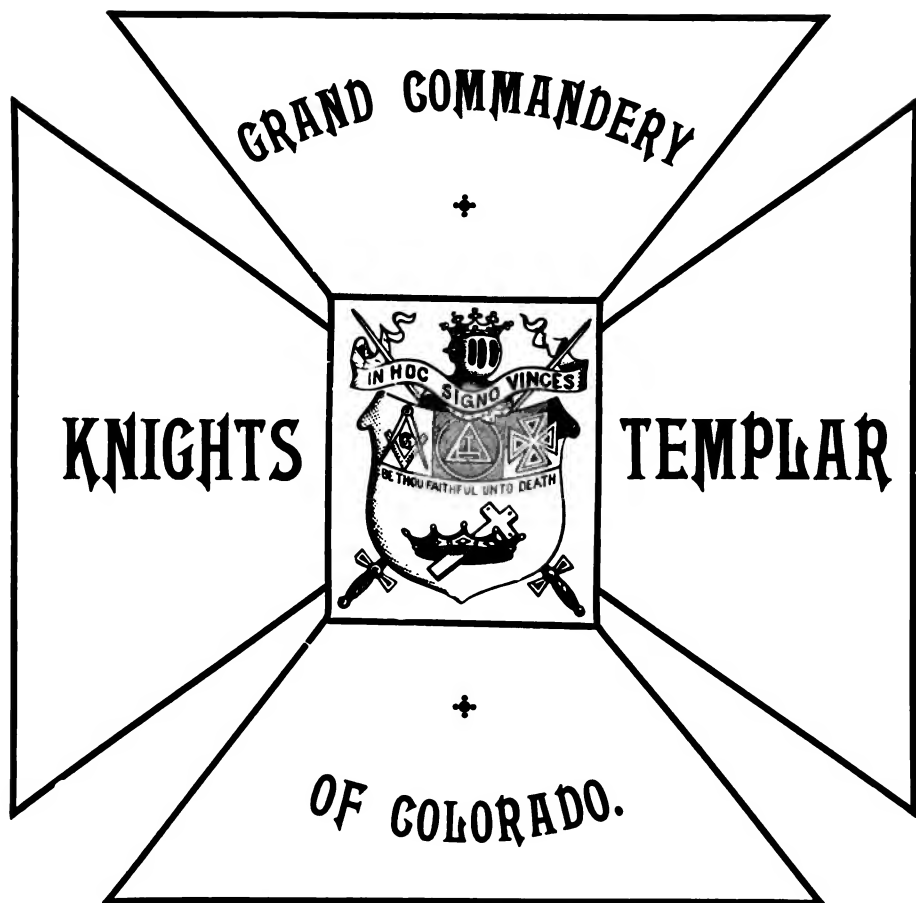
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER Denver.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE



DENVER, COLORADO, 1897.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
Knights Templar of Colorado.



AT ITS
Twenty-Second Conclave,
HELD AT DENVER,
JUNE 1, A. D. 1897.

A. O. 779.

GRAND OFFICERS 1897-1898.

GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH (3), Pueblo.....	G. C.
JOHN M. MAXWELL (5), Leadville.....	D. G. C.
HARRY A. LEE (16), Denver.....	G. G.
JULIUS B. BISSELL (25), Denver.....	G. C. G.
JOHN WALLIS OHL (17), Salida.....	G. Pre.
GEORGE W. ROE (9), Pueblo.....	G. S. W.
ED G. ARNOLD (1), Denver.	G. J. W.
WILLIAM D. TODD (25), Denver.....	G. Treas.
ED. C. PARMELEE (25), Denver.....	G. Rec.
WILLIAM J. FINE (8), Gunnison.....	G. Standard B.
RICHARD W. CORWIN (3),Pueblo.....	G. Sword B.
JAMES B. SEVERY (6), Colorado Springs.....	G. Warder
THOMAS LINTON (1), Denver.....	G. C. of Guard

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

JAMES H. PEABODY (9).....	Cañon City
WILLIAM W. ROWAN (16).....	Ouray
EUGENE P. SHOVE (8).....	Colorado Springs

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD (25).....	Denver
ALPHONSE A. BURNAND (5).....	Leadville
ERNEST LeNEVE FOSTER (25).....	Denver

COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL.

ALBERT B. McGAFFEY (1).....	Denver
HARPER M. ORAHOOD (25).....	Denver
GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH (3).....	Pueblo
JAMES H. PEABODY (9).....	Cañon City
WILLIAM J. FINE (8).....	Gunnison

The Twenty-third Annual will be held in Denver, Tuesday,
June 7, 1898.

Next Triennial Conclave, Pittsburg, Pa., October 11, 1898.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE, 1897.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado assembled in the Asylum in Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, on Tuesday, June 1, A. D. 1897, A. O. 779, at 10 o'clock a. m., with the following Grand Officers:

SIR EUGENE P. SHOVE (8).....	G. C.
SIR GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH (3).....	D. G. C.
SIR JOHN M. MAXWELL (5).....	G. G.
SIR HARRY A. LEE (16).....	G. C. G.
SIR JOHN WALLIS OHL (17).....	G. Pre.
SIR JULIUS B. BISSELL (25).....	G. S. W.
SIR GEORGE W. ROE (9).....	G. J. W.
SIR WILLIAM D. TODD (25).....	G. Treas.
SIR ED. C. PARMELEE (25).....	G. Rec.
SIR ED. G. ARNOLD (1).....	G. Standard B.
SIR WILLIAM J. FINE (8).....	G. Sword B.
SIR JAMES B. SEVERY (6).....	G. Warder
SIR THOMAS LINTON (1).....	G. C. of Guard

Representatives from twenty-two chartered Commanderies (all but Nos. 20 and 23), and a large number of permanent members present.

OPENED.

The Grand Commandery was opened in Ample form by the R. E. Grand Commander.

CREDENTIALS.

Sir Grand Recorder (25).
Sir John M. Maxwell (5).
Sir John E. Brothers (8).

Were appointed as a Committee on Credentials.

The committee soon presented their report, which was adopted, and shows the following officers and members were present during the session:

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Colorado:

Your Committee on Credentials report that they find the following Sir Knights present and entitled to seats and votes:

GRAND OFFICERS.

(As before given.)

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

Henry M. Teller (2).
Irving W. Stanton (3).
Harper M. Orahoad (25).
James M. Strickler (1).
Michael Spangler (25).
James H. Peabody (9).
Alphonse A. Burnand (5).
Albert B. McGaffey (1).
Wm. D. Todd (25), Grand Treasurer.
Wm. W. Rowan (16).

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO.

Charles H. Jacobson (4).

PAST COMMANDERS.

(Not elsewhere reported.)

- No. 1. Wm. E. Greenlee,
Thomas Nicholl,
Lawrence N. Greenleaf,
Sidney A. Shepperd,
Henry C. Frost.
- No. 3. Richard W. Corwin,
Walter G. Adams,
Charles W. Bowman.
- No. 4. Fred. S. Johnson.
- No. 9. Wm. T. Bridwell,
Joseph W. Milsom.
- No. 25. George N. Atwood,
Darius A. Barton,
Ernest LeNeve Foster.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMANDERIES.

(Those present in <i>Italics</i> .)		PROXIES.
REPRESENTATIVES.	COLORADO No. 1, DENVER.	
<i>William D. Peirce</i>	E. C.	
<i>Arthur E. Jones</i>	G.	
S. D. Creighton Hays.....	C. G.	
CENTRAL CITY No. 2, CENTRAL CITY.		
<i>George W. Mabee</i>	E. C.	
Richard Harvey.....	G.	<i>George W. Mabee.</i>
William J. Lewis.....	C. G.	<i>George W. Mabee.</i>
PUEBLO No. 3, PUEBLO.		
<i>Bishop D. V. Reeve</i>	E. C.	
<i>Andrew Park</i>	G.	
<i>Cornelius J. Hart</i>	C. G.	
GEORGETOWN No. 4, GEORGETOWN.		
Warren M. Fletcher.....	E. C.	<i>Jesse M. Copeland.</i>
<i>Jesse M. Copeland</i>	G.	
Thomas Bennett.....	C. G.	<i>Jesse M. Copeland.</i>
MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS No. 5, LEADVILLE.		
Charles E. Dickinson.....	E. C.	<i>Henry R. Pendery.</i>
Horace C. Mitchell.....	G.	<i>Henry R. Pendery.</i>
<i>Henry R. Pendery</i>	C. G.	
PIKE'S PEAK No. 6, COLORADO SPRINGS.		
James P. Barnes.....	E. C.	<i>Frank P. Davis.</i>
<i>Frank P. Davis</i>	G.	
James M. Ellison.....	C. G.	<i>Aury B. Noxon.</i>
MOUNT SINAI No. 7, BOULDER.		
<i>James L. Morehead</i>	E. C.	
<i>Charles A. Russell</i>	G.	
Albert T. Henry, Sr.....	C. G.	<i>Charles A. Russell</i>

REPRESENTATIVES.

GUNNISON No. 8, GUNNISON.

PROXIES.

Samuel P. Spencer	E. C.	John E. Brothers.
John E. Brothers	G.	
Michael Monahan	C. G.	John E. Brothers.

CANON CITY No. 9, CANON CITY.

Daniel A. Bradbury	E. C.	
Joseph T. Little	G.	Joseph W. Milson.
Allen E. Ford	C. G.	Daniel A. Bradbury.

GREELEY No. 10, GREELEY.

Sharon Atkinson	E. C.	
William Mayher	G.	Sharon Atkinson.
Albert Igo	C. G.	Sharon Atkinson.

IVANHOE No. 11, DURANGO.

George Weaver	E. C.	
John W. Wingate	G.	George Weaver.
C. E. McConnell	C. G.	George Weaver.

LONG'S PEAK No. 12, LONGMONT.

Willis A. Warner	E. C.	
George W. Brown	G.	A. G. King.
John A. Buckley	C. G.	

DE MOLAY No. 13, FORT COLLINS.

Alfred A. Edwards	E. C.	Leander Giddings.
Leander Giddings	G.	
Stephen H. Seckner	C. G.	

ASPEN MOUNTAIN No. 14, ASPEN.

Walter S. Clark	E. C.	Frederick A. Hunt.
Richmond H. Fisher	G.	
John H. Greener	C. G.	

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE No. 15, ALAMOSA.

John Gerteison	E. C.	Charles A. Merriman.
C. Wallrich	G.	
W. H. Hirst	C. G.	

OURAY No. 16, OURAY.

George C. Pierce	E. C.	Albert Jeffers.
Albert Jeffers	G.	
C. W. Haskins	C. G.	

SALIDA No. 17, SALIDA.

George A. Montgomery	E. C.	
Charles G. Johnson	G.	John Wallis (hl.
William G. Sisson	C. G.	John Wallis Ohl.

ORIENTAL No. 18, TRINIDAD.

John B. Hershey	E. C.	
George A. Reese	G.	John B. Hershey.
W. F. Munroe	C. G.	John B. Hershey.

REPRESENTATIVES.

MONTROSE No. 19, MONTROSE.

PROXIES.

S. S. Sherman	E. C.	James F. Kyle.
George H. Smith	G.	
J. M. Reynolds	C. G.	

GLENWOOD SPRINGS No. 20, GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

Not represented.

AKRON No. 21, AKRON.

Cyrus H. Phelps	E. C.
Adam J. Johnson	G.
James N. Counter	C. G.

PALESTINE No. 22, LA JUNTA.

James B. Pearce	E. C.	
George H. Winchell	G.	
John E. Gauger	C. G.	James B. Sherman.

TEMPLE No. 23, GRAND JUNCTION.

Not represented.

DENVER No. 25, DENVER.

.....	E. C.
Henry Falke	G.
Arthur F. Harlow	C. G.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

California, Harper M. Orahood.
 District of Columbia, John W. Ohl.
 Georgia, Henry M. Teller.
 Indiana, Irving W. Stanton.
 Iowa, Albert B. McGaffey.
 Kansas, Eugene P. Shove.
 Mississippi, Alphonse A. Burnand.
 Nebraska, James H. Peabody.
 New Hampshire, Ernest LeNeve Foster.
 North Carolina, William T. Bridwell.
 North Dakota, Walter G. Adams.
 Oregon, John M. Maxwell.
 Pennsylvania, William D. Todd.
 South Dakota, George N. Atwood.
 Vermont, Ed. C. Parmelee.
 West Virginia, Frederick A. Hunt.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Representatives from other Grand Com-
 manderies near the Grand Commandery of Colorado were
 introduced and cordially welcomed by the Grand Com-
 mander.

Sir Wm. D. Todd (25), Past Grand Commander, Grand Representative from Pennsylvania, made response.

REGRETS.

Letters of regret at their inability to be present were presented from Sir E. F. Eldridge, E. C., No. 23, and Sir W. L. Dorland, P. C., No. 3, and ordered placed on file.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees:

ON FINANCE.

Sir Charles W. Bowman (3).
Sir Henry C. Frost (1).
Sir Joseph W. Millsom (9).

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

Sir Harry A. Lee (16).
Sir Ernest LeNeve Foster (25).
Sir John B. Hershey (18).

ON PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Sir Henry M. Teller (2).
Sir James B. Pearce (22).
Sir Frank P. Davis (6).

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Sir Leander Giddings (13).
Sir George Weaver (11).
Sir Sharon Atkinson (10).

WEARING UNIFORMS.

On motion of Sir John M. Maxwell (5), the wearing of full uniform was dispensed with for the remainder of the Conclave.

ADDRESS.

The R. E. Grand Commander delivered the following:

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Twenty-one years ago the 14th of March passed, the Grand Commandery of Colorado was organized, and now we assemble to this its Twenty-second Annual Conclave, to which I have the high honor of cordially welcoming its officers and members.

I submit the suggestion to you who are here for the first time that your rights and privileges in the deliberations of all matters to be presented to this Grand Commandery are equal to those enjoyed by the oldest member present. In the name of this Grand Commandery, I also extend a cordial welcome to all visiting Sir Knights.

Only one discord among our Subordinates has threatened, which was amicably adjusted through my counsel and the moderation and good judgment of an Eminent Commander, and peace and harmony prevail throughout our beloved jurisdiction. Although the year has been one of great business depression, financial troubles and individual distresses, still I find the glow of Christian Knighthood undimmed, the willing bonds of brotherly love more cemented, and Christ is the Grand Commander.

We meet again to-day, clasp glad hands, and gaze into each others faces after the year's separation, and pause with the memory of the departed.

NECROLOGY.

I turn to the Proceedings of the First Conclave of this Grand Commandery and find the words: "The convention was organized by the opening of a Commandery of Knights Templar in solemn form, Eminent Sir Webster D. Anthony, Commander." None of my predecessors have had the sad duty of announcing the death of a Past Grand Commander of this jurisdiction. Right Eminent Sir Webster D. Anthony departed this life June 22, 1896. I caused the following notice to be sent out to all Sir Knights of our obedience, and to our Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions:

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 26, 1896.

To all Sir Knights of Our Obedience:

The grim messenger, Death, has invaded our ranks, and R. E. Sir Webster D. Anthony's genial face will no longer be seen at our Conclaves, nor his name answered at the roll call.

Our frater was raised in Union Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., in Denver, in 1864, and passed through the various chairs until, in 1873, he became Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, and was reflected in 1874.

He was exalted in Denver Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, in 1867. He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Colorado Commandery No. 1 in 1868, and rose through the various positions until he became Grand Commander in 1877.

He can fairly be called the "Father" of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, as he was the proxy of the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States at the organization of our Grand Commandery.

Our Eminent frater was born June 4, 1838, at Union Springs, New York, so that at his death, June 22, 1896, he was fifty-eight years old.

His remains were returned to mother earth by his brethren of Union Lodge No. 7, accompanied by a large concourse of sympathetic brethren and friends.

Sir Anthony will be missed. He was a zealous Mason, filling each and all of the positions for which he had been selected not only creditably to himself, but with honor to the bodies themselves.

Our Grand Commandery has now been in existence twenty years, and Sir Anthony is our first Grand Commander to be called from his duty here to the higher place above. A loyal friend, upright Mason, we sincerely mourn his absence and our loss. He left a stricken daughter and a sorrowing host of friends.

It is ordered that the standards be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that this order be read at the head of the lines, the Sir Knights uncovered, at the first stated meeting after its receipt, and due record made thereof.

EUGENE P. SHOVE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

ED. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Recorder.

Eminent Sir Jerome A. Vickers died March 21, 1897. Sir Jerome was Eminent Commander of Denver Commandery No. 25, and therefore a member of this Grand Body. It was my pleasure to be present and witness, at the Annual Conclave of Denver Commandery No. 25, on December 8, 1896, the unanimous testimony of esteem tendered him in his election as Eminent Commander. At that time he was stricken with an incurable malady. At his bedside I installed him into his office, and the memory of his gratitude, pride and hopefulness can never be effaced from the minds of those who witnessed the ceremony of installation. He was loved as a good and true man and Mason, and God will have him in His keeping.

We mourn with sister jurisdictions, and tender them our heartfelt sympathies in the loss of many honored and distinguished Knights:

Illinois—M. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, P. G. C. and P. G. Master of Grand Encampment of the United States.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island—M. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, P. G. C. and P. G. Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

A special memorial of these two Most Eminent Sir Knights will be read at the head of our lines, and become a part of the records of this Conclave.

Alabama—R. E. Sir Daniel Smith, P. G. C.

Alabama—E. Sir John L. Rison, G. Treas.

Arkansas—E. Sir Frederick Kramer, G. Treas.

District of Columbia—E. Sir Jos. Brummett, P. C.

District of Columbia—Robert E. Constant, G. Standard Br.

Illinois—E. Sir James Miller, G. Prelate.

Iowa—V. E. Sir Archibald B. Cox, P. G. Gen.

Iowa—Sir Theodore Schriner, G. Sentinel.

Kansas—R. E. Sir Owen A. Bassett, P. G. C.

Maryland—R. E. Sir Christian B. Kleibacker, P. G. C., and our Grand Representative near that Grand Commandery.

Michigan—E. Sir Alexander McGregor, G. Sentinel.

Michigan—R. E. Sir Heman N. Moore, P. G. C.

Michigan—R. E. Sir Hollis F. Knapp, P. G. C.

Michigan—R. E. Sir Garra B. Noble, P. G. C.

Nebraska—E. Sir John Dwyer, Gr. Gen.

Nebraska—John Dwyer, Gr. Gen.

New Jersey—R. E. Sir Robert Dingwell, Gr. Commander.

New York—R. E. Sir Robert Black, P. G. C.

Ohio—E. Sir Thos. J. Melish, G. Prelate.

Pennsylvania—R. E. Sir Chas. W. Batchelor, P. G. C.

Pennsylvania—R. E. Sir Edmund H. Turner, P. G. C.

Tennessee—V. E. Sir Jos. M. Anderson, P. D. G. C.

Texas—E. Sir Robert Brewster, G. Recorder.

Pennsylvania—Joseph S. Wright, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, died in Denver, Wednesday, May 26, 1897, at 2 p. m. Colorado Commandery No. 1 and Denver Commandery No. 25 escorted his remains to the Union Depot, where an escort from his Commandery took charge of the remains, to convey them to his Philadelphia home for burial.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have recommended the appointment as Grand Representatives near this Commandery the following named Sir Knights, to whom, as far as I have been advised, commissions have been issued:

Florida—E. Sir Lawrence M. Miller, Grand Junction, Colo.

Maine—E. Sir S. S. Sherman, Montrose, Colo.

North Carolina—E. Sir William T. Bridwell, Cañon City, Colo.

I have commissioned the following named Sir Knights as Representatives of this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commanderies of

Florida—E. Sir Irving E. Baird, June 6, 1896.

Louisiana—E. Sir William H. Watkins, October 1, 1896.

Maryland—E. Sir H. C. Larrabee, February 23, 1897.

Arkansas—R. E. Sir George Thornburgh, February 23, 1897.

North Carolina—E. Sir James D. Glenn, March 3, 1897.

APPOINTMENTS.

In compliance with the resolution adopted at our last Annual Conclave, providing for the appointment of a Sir Knight, duly qualified, to be known as "Official Drill Master," I, reposing special trust and confidence in the skill and ability of E. Sir Chas. H. Wood, of Denver Commandery No. 25, issued a commission appointing him as such Official Drill Master.

DISPENSATIONS.

In compliance with requests made, I have granted the following dispensations:

December 15, 1896. Glenwood Springs No. 20, to appear in full Templar uniform on Christmas night, 1896, for the purpose of tendering a banquet and reception to its newly created Sir Knights, and to the Companions and brethren of the Chapter and Blue Lodge and their ladies, at Durand Opera House.

March 12, 1897. I issued a dispensation to seventeen Sir Knights at Cripple Creek, El Paso county, Colo., for the formation of a new Commandery, to be known as Cripple Creek Commandery, U. D., with E. Sir Fred S. Johnson as Eminent Commander, Sir John W. Sleeper as Generalissimo, and Sir Matthew C. Barker as Captain General. The petition was recommended by Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6.

April 12, 1897. Ouray No. 16, to make pilgrimage from Ouray to Telluride, within their jurisdiction, on April 17, 1897, and

appear in full Templar uniform, for the purpose of attending Divine service at Telluride on Easter Sunday.

May 7, 1897. Pueblo No. 3, to confer the Order of the Red Cross upon Companion C. S. Benedict at the request of Marietta Commandery, Marietta, Ohio, on Saturday evening, May 8, 1897.

May 10, 1897. Ouray No. 16, to attend as escort the funeral of the wife of Sir W. B. Alexander, May 10, 1897.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

January 2, 1897, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, making the annual dues \$3 instead of \$6 per annum, subject to the approval of this Grand Commandery, which I recommend.

GENERAL ORDER.

The circulation of certain alleged Masonic literature having come to the notice of the Grand Master of Masons of Colorado, I, with the Grand High Priest, joined him in issuing the following:

Pueblo, Colo., October 31, 1896.

To all Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar within the State of Colorado, holding allegiance to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; to Grand Royal Arch Chapter, or the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar—Fraternal Greeting:

Whereas, It has come to our knowledge that certain publishing houses within the United States are printing, advertising for sale, selling and distributing throughout this Grand Jurisdiction certain abbreviated forms or "keys" of a so-called "Masonic Secret Work," which are wholly unauthorized and contrary to the teachings of Masonry of the instruction of our own Grand Bodies or of the governing bodies outside this Grand Jurisdiction; and

Whereas, The publishing of such work is a direct violation of the Ancient Landmarks, usages and customs of Free Masonry, and any Mason publishing such unauthorized and clandestine work, or causing the same to be published or distributed, knowingly violates his Masonic obligations;

Therefore, we, the undersigned, do fraternally and most urgently request all Masons within this Grand Jurisdiction to refrain from purchasing, using or having in their possession any of the aforementioned "keys" furnished by such publishers, or any of a similar character unauthorized by Masonic law, that the good name of Masonry in Colorado may not be slandered, nor our own loyalty to our beloved institution be brought in question.

Let this be read aloud to the members present at every stated meeting after its receipt during the months of November and December, 1896.

GEO. W. ROE,
Grand Master of Masons.

JAMES HAMILTON PEABODY,
Grand High Priest, R. A. M.

EUGENE P. SHOVE,
Grand Commander, K. T.

ED. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Secretary.

VISITATIONS.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1896, I visited Gunnison Commandery No. 8, and installed Eminent Sir William J. Fine as Grand Sword Bearer.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1896, I visited Denver Commandery No. 25, and installed their officers.

On Thursday, December 17, 1896, I visited Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, and installed their officers. I also installed Eminent Sir James B. Severy as Grand Warder.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

I am officially advised that the following Commanderies assembled and observed the Christmas day services:

Colorado Commandery No. 1.

Pueblo Commandery No. 3.

Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6.

Mt. Sinal Commandery No. 7.

Cañon City Commandery No. 9.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11.

Long's Peak Commandery No. 12.

Salida Commandery No. 17.

Palestine Commandery No. 22.

Denver Commandery No. 25.

The sentiments joined in were very beautiful in their simplicity: "To the Most Eminent Grand Master W. La Rue Thomas his faithful Knights send greeting on this holy Christmas tide—'On earth peace, good will towards men.'" The Grand Master sending the following response: "To all the brotherhood of the faith: May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus."

I am grateful for the sentiments expressed toward me by many of the Commanderies.

EASTER.

I am officially advised that the following Commanderies assembled and attended Divine service on Easter Sunday:

Colorado Commandery No. 1.
Pueblo Commandery No. 3.
Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6.
Cañon City Commandery No. 9.
Greeley Commandery No. 10.
Long's Peak Commandery No. 12.
De Molay Commandery No. 13.
Ouray Commandery No. 16.
Salida Commandery No. 17.
Oriental Commandery No. 18.
Montrose Commandery No. 19.
Palestine Commandery No. 22.
Denver Commandery No. 25.

I urgently recommend that this day be observed by every Commandery. "Christ is risen" should be in every heart, and we of the Order of Christian Knighthood should assemble and render testimony to our faith.

DECISIONS.

The questions submitted to me during the year, I found, were readily answered by reference to the Code of Statutes and decisions already in force. In one decision asked for, however, I found such difference of opinion that I submit both the question and my answer under this head. A Commandery submitted the following: "At our installation of officers, the Eminent Commander and Captain General elect refused to be installed. How does the matter stand as to these offices." I decided as follows: First—The Sir Knights had the right to refuse to be installed. Second—That there was no vacancy in either the office of Eminent Commander or Captain General, and that the old occupants of these offices held over respectively. Third—The election as to these offices may be declared void by the Commandery.

A member of Gunnison Commandery No. 8 became, by virtue of joining in request for dispensation, a charter member of Temple Commandery No. 23 in 1892. The Sir Knight did not appear as dimitted from Gunnison Commandery in our records until 1896. I decided that all dues that may have been collected from him by Gunnison Commandery, since the granting of char-

ter to Temple Commandery, should be paid by Gunnison Commandery to Temple Commandery for credit to the Sir Knight's account. I recommend that in event of charters being granted to new Commanderies, that special official notice be sent to each Commandery (contributing charter members) of the fact, so that names may be promptly removed from the rolls.

The attention of this Grand Commandery at its last Conclave was called to the fact that Eminent Sir _____, a Past Commander of Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, and consequently a member of this Grand Commandery, had been convicted in the civil courts of an offense against the law, and was then in the penitentiary at Cañon City, and that no charges had been preferred against him in his Commandery. The matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the matter of a member of this Grand Commandery and a member of Pike's Peak Commandery, who is now said to be serving a term in the penitentiary of the state of Colorado, under a sentence of a criminal court of this state, respectfully recommend, as instructed by this Grand Commandery, that a commission, consisting of Sir Knights Carr, Atwood and Severy, be appointed to thoroughly investigate such matter, and report its conclusions to the R. E. Grand Commander, who shall act in the premises as he may be advised; and we further recommend that Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6 has been derelict in this matter, and merits the discipline of this Grand Commandery for its non-action.

W. D. TODD.

JOHN M. MAXWELL.

A. B. MCGAFFEY.

Under date of December 31, 1896, the Commissioner reported to me as follows:

Denver, Colo., December 31, 1896.

Mr. Eugene P. Shove, Grand Commander, Knights Templar, Colorado Springs, Colo.:

Right Eminent Sir and Frater—I. The commission appointed by the Grand Commandery on June 2, 1896, for the purpose of thoroughly investigating the matter of Sir Knight E. R. Walter, a member of the Grand Commandery and of Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, have had the matter under consideration and respectfully report as follows:

II. Owing to the pressure of private business on the hands of the chairman of the commission and to the absence of one member of the commission from the state for a considerable length of time, the matter was not brought under investigation until about the 1st of December, 1896.

III. On the 5th day of December a notice was prepared, setting forth the action of the Grand Commandery, appointing a commission, and informing the Sir Knight interested that on Monday, the 21st day of December, at 10 o'clock a. m., a meeting of the commission would be had at the office of the chairman for the purpose of such investigation, and informing him that he could appear in person or by attorney for the purpose of presenting to such commission any such matters or things pertinent to said investigation as he might be advised. The commission met at the time and place designated, and Sir Knight Walter appeared in person. The commission had before them a certified copy of the record of conviction of Sir Knight Walter. It also appeared that on December 5, the day on which the notice was issued, the fact at that time being unknown to the commission, the state board of pardons had acted upon an application of Sir Knight Walter for pardon, and the commission had before it the proceedings of the said board of pardons, a portion of which record will be hereinafter set forth.

IV. Giving full force and effect to the *prima facie* case made out by the record of conviction, the commission after full investigation of the facts of the case, of the statements set forth in the application for pardon, and of the statements orally made by the said Sir Knight Walter before the commission, we are still in doubt as to the propriety of said conviction. So much so, that had we been members of the jury, we feel confident we would have given him the benefit of the doubt and have voted for acquittal.

V. It appears also that Acacia Lodge No. 85, A. F. and A. M., of which Sir Knight Walter was a member, preferred charges against him for unmasonic conduct, after conviction, and upon full investigation before the Lodge unanimously acquitted him of the charges; and it was doubtless for that reason that Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6 deemed it unnecessary to take any further action in the premises.

VI. For this reason the commission recommend that the charges against said Commandery, appearing in the report of the committee on page 32 of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of 1896, of being derelict in the matter and meriting the discipline of the Grand Commandery, be declared unfounded and said Commandery fully exonerated.

VII. The said board of pardons recommended to his excellency the governor a full and unconditional pardon for the said Walter for the following reasons:

"First—Because of his excellent standing in the community in which he lived, there never before having been any stain upon his character.

"Second—Because, as shown by letters and petitions signed by some of the most prominent and worthy people of the state, and especially in the community in which he has lived, he still has the confidence and good will of those thoroughly cognizant of the facts.

"Third—Because the board believes that, *if he was guilty*, he has received sufficient punishment and is reformed and will in the future be a good citizen.

"Fourth—Because he will have immediate and remunerative employment in a position of trust.

"Fifth—Because from a full consideration of all the facts, both of record and presented to the board, in support of the petition, it seems that this is a case in which executive clemency can be justly, safely and beneficially exercised both to the defendant and the community.

"Sixth—Because of his excellent prison record."

VIII. In the third recommendation the italicized words are not so found in the original, but we have italicized them for the purpose of showing that there was at least some doubt in the minds of the board of pardons concerning the propriety of the conviction. Aside from this question of doubt, it appears from all the evidence presented that Sir Knight Walter is a man of excellent standing in the community; that he has the confidence of the people in the community in which he resides; that any wrong which may have been done has been fully expiated; that civil justice has been satisfied and the civil laws vindicated, and that the standing and reputation of neither Pike's Peak Commandery nor of the Masonic or Templar fraternity can be injured by a continued association with a man of that character.

IX. The commission therefore recommend that the Grand Commandery declare their confidence in Sir Knight Walter and in his Knightly character; that his standing in the Commandery and in the Grand Commandery shall remain unimpaired, and say to all persons throughout the world, if anyone have charges to prefer against the Sir Knight,

"Let him that is without sin cast the first stone."

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. CARR,

Chairman.

GEORGE N. ATWOOD,

Commissioner.

I fully agree with the other members of the commission in the foregoing report, *except* for that part of paragraph IV., on page 2 of said report, following the word "*conviction*," in the sixth line of said paragraph, and reading as follows, to wit:

"So much so, that had we been members of the jury, we feel confident we would have given him the benefit of the doubt and have voted for acquittal."

I would substitute the following words, to-wit:

So much so, that we are in doubt of Sir Knight ——— being guilty of the offense of which he was convicted.

JAMES B. SEVERY,

Commissioner.

I heartily concur in the findings and recommendations of the commission.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I express my sincere thanks for the assistance, counsel and advice I have received from the several Grand Officers and standing committees. I have relied largely on the wisdom of our experienced Eminent Grand Recorder. You have honored me with the highest office in your power to bestow, and I have faithfully endeavored to merit this tender of you confidence in me. The record of my official actions is now submitted for your judgment and approval. It was to me an elevating moment when first the title "Grand Commander" was mine, and I shall have pride in seeing my name added to the list of Past Grand Commanders—names of men whom we love, honor and respect. In rendering back to you the emblem of authority, I can confidently say it is unsullied, and I trust that in its transmission from my predecessors, through me to my successors, your verdict will be that its luster is undimmed.

We all have an honorable pride in our beloved Order—its grand principles and Christian teachings, its honored names and noble achievements. Let our pride be coupled with an humility, "Like a tree, whose root, when it sets deep in the earth, rises higher, and spreads fairer, and stands surer and lasts longer, and every step of its descent is like a rib of iron." And now, Sir Knights, let us strive with renewed zeal for the reward that awaits the finally faithful.

Courteously submitted,

EUGENE P. SHOVE,
Grand Commander.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion, the address was referred to a special committee for division and reference.

Sir Irving W. Stanton (3).

Sir James H. Peabody (9).

Sir Fred A. Hunt (14).

Were appointed said committee.

REPORT

The committee afterwards presented the following which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander, courteously report that we have examined the same, and recommend as follows:

First—That so much thereof as refers to the death of Eminent Fraters in this and our sister Grand Jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

Second—That so much thereof as refers to the appointment of Grand Representatives be approved.

Third—That the appointment of E. Sir Charles H. Wood as Official Drill Master of the Grand Commandery be approved.

Fourth—That the amendment to the By-Laws, official acts, decisions and recommendations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Courteously submitted,

I. W. STANTON,

J. H. PEABODY,

F. A. HUNT,

Committee.

The following communication from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was read—the Sir Knights standing and uncovered—and ordered spread upon our minutes:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Office of the Grand Master.

Washington, D. C., April 21, 1897.

To all Sir Knights of our Obedience:

It is with feelings of the most profound sorrow that we announce to you the death of two Sir Knights who have received at your hands the most distinguished honors you could confer. Each had served you long and faithfully and had given the best efforts of their lives to the Order they loved so well. In the various Grand Bodies of their respective states, where they were best known and best loved, they had received the affection and confidence of their Brethren. We will miss their presence and their counsel in the Grand Encampment, where for so many years they have met with us. We all will recall their presence at the Conclave in Boston, and, although both were in feeble health, their great interest in the welfare of Templary was thoroughly manifested. Our hearts sadden at the thought that those

to whom we have learned to look for wisdom, ~~and~~ who have qualified themselves by long years of patient study and ~~sacrifice~~ have to pay the debt of nature, and the "places that now know them will know them no more forever." But the law is inexorable, and this makes it more imperative that we should honestly and truly follow the teachings of our Order, and place our faith and dependence in Emmanuel, God with us.

Vincent Lombard Hurlbut, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, died at his home in Chicago, Ill., on Friday, July 24, 1896, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, having been born June 28, 1829, in West Mendon, New York. Sir Knight Hurlbut received his degrees in the various Masonic bodies of his state, and in 1867 was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. In 1871 he was elected Grand Generalissimo, in 1874 Deputy Grand Master, and in 1877 Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, retiring from that office at the Conclave of 1880. Quiet, dignified and unassuming, this distinguished frater enjoyed the esteem of his friends, and by study and application attained high rank in his chosen profession, that of physician and surgeon.

Benjamin Dean, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, died at his home in South Boston, Mass., on Friday, April 9, 1897, in the seventy-third year of his age, having been born April 24, 1824, in Clitheroe, Lancashire, England. His father and family moved to this country and settled in Massachusetts when he was a boy, and in that state he was reared and educated. He chose the law for his profession, and early attained great distinction. He was chosen to fill many positions of honor by his fellow citizens in his state, and at one time ably represented his district in the Congress of the United States. In all the positions he filled he discharged his duties honorably and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. Sir Knight Dean was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge in 1854, and at once took such interest in the Order that his advancement was rapid. He filled different positions in the Subordinate and Grand Bodies, and was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1869 and 1870. He was elected Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment in 1871, Grand Generalissimo in 1877, and Grand Master in 1880, retiring from that office in 1883. Of a genial nature and a sunny temperament, he welcomed his friends with a smile, and was ever ready to give advice or instruction to all those who sought it. On Monday, the 12th of April, at his late residence, surrounded by his many friends and all the leading Knights Templar of his Grand Com-

mandery, the last sad rites due him were observed, after which his remains were interred in the family lot at his old home in Lowell, Mass.

And thus, Sir Knights, have two of our most eminent fraters passed away. We are justified in the hope that they have gone to enjoy the full realization of that blessed faith which our noble Order teaches. Let us emulate their examples, and by our daily walk show to the world that we actually believe in the beautiful teachings which our Order shows forth, looking forward to the time when our own summons will come, and so living and acting that we shall be fully prepared to stand before the Grand Captain of our salvation.

All Grand and Subordinate Commanderies will cause this announcement to be read at the head of their lines at the first Conclave after its reception, and make due record thereof.

W. A. LA RUE THOMAS,
M. E. Grand Master.

Attest:
WM. H. MAYO,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The following was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

WM. D. TODD, GRAND TREASURER GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, COLORADO.

June 2, 1896—To balance as per report.....	\$1653 76	
June 3, 1896—Grand Recorder	251 00	
Nov. 13, 1896—Interest Masonic Temple bond.....	25 00	
Dec. 12, 1897—Grand Recorder	98 50	
May 10, 1897—Grand Recorder	484 00	
May 18, 1897—Grand Recorder	257 00	
May 18, 1897—Interest Masonic Temple bond.....	25 00	
May 20, 1897—Grand Recorder	221 00	
May 25, 1897—Grand Recorder	267 00	
May 29, 1897—Grand Recorder	34 00	
By Warrant No. 164.....	\$148 00	
Warrant No. 165.....	10 00	
Warrant No. 166.....	394 25	
Warrant No. 167.....	150 00	
Warrant No. 168.....	500 00	
Warrant No. 169.....	100 00	
Warrant No. 170.....	82 55	
Warrant No. 171.....	326 50	
Warrant No. 172.....	40 70	
	\$1752 00	
June 1, 1897—To balance.....	1514 26	
	<u>\$3266 26</u>	<u>\$3266 26</u>

To which find certified check for balance, \$1,514.26, and vouchers for disbursements, and \$1,000 of bonds, Masonic Temple Association.

Courteously submitted,

WM. D. TODD,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

The following was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Grand Commandery:

I present my twenty-first annual report as your Grand Recorder. For the first time since 1890, I am able to report that all of the Commanderies made returns and paid dues on time.

Mount Sinai No. 7 and Akron No. 21 did not furnish a list of officers elected at their last Annual.

Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5 has not paid the \$2 reported due from it in the report of the Committee on Returns last year.*

I have secured from the railroads a rate of one and one-fifth fare for the round trip for Knights attending this Annual Conclave and the ladies accompanying, *provided* fifty certificates are presented for the endorsement of their agent. Notice was sent to each member of this body.

P. G. C. Harper M. Orahood has donated to our library memorial volume on R. E. Sir George Cooper Connor, P. G. C., of Tennessee.

Cripple Creek Commandery, U. D., has returned its dispensation and records, made returns, and paid dues. They present a petition for charter signed by twenty-two Sir Knights. Their returns show that they have conferred the Order of Red Cross on six and the Order of the Temple on six.

A detailed statement of the contingent expenses of this office is hereto attached.

I have received dues for 1897:

No.	When received.	Members.	Created.	Amount.
1.	May 19.....	419	8	\$249.50
2.	May 3.....	42	3	36.00
3.	May 3.....	104	4	72.00
4.	May 5.....	24	3	27.00
5.	May 22.....	70	1	40.50
6.	April 19.....	108	9	99.00

*It was paid during the Conclave.—Grand Recorder.

No.	When received.	Members.	Created.	Amount.
7.	May 22.....	91	6	75.50
8.	May 11.....	40	1	25.00
9.	May 1.....	85	8	82.50
10.	May 17.....	39	..	19.50
11.	May 17.....	49	1	29.50
12.	May 21.....	56	1	33.00
13.	May 8.....	52	..	26.00
14.	May 18.....	38	..	19.00
15.	May 18.....	25	1	17.50
16.	May 18.....	66	2	43.00
17.	May 11.....	46	..	23.00
18.	May 22.....	62	8	71.00
19.	May 8.....	37	..	18.50
20.	May 5.....	29	8	54.50
21.	May 21.....	32	..	16.00
22.	May 11.....	36	2	28.00
23.	May 1.....	27	1	18.50
25.	May 11.....	77	4	58.50
U. D. May 28.....		...	6	30.00

Total receipts:

Balance on hand last report.....	\$ 251.00
Dispensation Cripple Creek Commandery.....	90.00
Dues No. 5 for 1895.....	50
Dues No. 3 for 1896.....	5.50
Dues No. 11 for 1896.....	1.00
Dues No. 17 for 1896.....	2.00
Dues for 1897.....	1,212.50

Total\$1,562.50

I have paid our Grand Treasurer:

June 3, 1896.....	\$ 251.00
March 12, 1897.....	98.50
May 10, 1897.....	434.00
May 18, 1897.....	257.00
May 20, 1897.....	221.00
May 25, 1897.....	267.00
May 29, 1897.....	34.00

Total\$1,562.50

I have drawn warrants as follows:

In favor of.	For what.	No.	Amount.
Thomas Linton, services.....		165	\$ 10.00
Grand Treasurer, pay roll.....		166	394.25
Grand Recorder, contingent fund.....		167	150.00
Grand Recorder, services.....		168	500.00
Bohm-Bristol Co., P. G. C. Jewel.....		169	100.00
Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment dues.....		170	82.55
W. F. Robinson & Co., printing Proceedings.....		171	326.50
Grand Commander, expenses.....		172	40.70

Total\$1,604.00

As this Grand Commandery has reached the mature age of twenty-one, I ask your attention for a moment or two.

This Grand Commandery was organized March 14, 1876, by Colorado No. 1, Central City No. 2, and Pueblo No. 3.

No. 1 was represented by J. M. Strickler, E. C.; R. C. Webster, G.; M. Spangler, C. G.

No. 2 by H. M. Teller, E. C.; H. M. Orahood, G.; W. Fullerton, C. G.

No. 3 by I. W. Stanton, E. C.; M. H. Fitch, G.; W. A. Elderkin, C. G.

There were also present and participating: Past Commanders F. Gallup, W. D. Anthony, W. N. Byers, all of No. 1.

Sirs Strickler and Spangler of No. 1, Teller and Orahood of No. 2, and Stanton and Fitch of No. 3 have served us as R. E. Grand Commanders, Sir Fullerton as Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Gallup as Grand Prelate.

Sir Anthony was the proxy for M. E. Sir James H. Hopkins, Grand Master of the United States, and constituted the Grand Commandery and installed its officers. He was elected our first Deputy Grand Commander, and was our second R. E. Grand Commander.

The three Commanderies were all that were in the jurisdiction, and their total membership was 127.

We now have twenty-four Commanderies, with a total membership of 1,654, with one Under Dispensation, which now presents a petition for a charter, signed by twenty-two, nine of whom hail from this jurisdiction, seven come with limits, and six were created by it while working under said dispensation.

Of the Grand Officers elected since our organization, but two have passed to their final reward—P. G. C. Webster D. Anthony and P. G. Pre. Francis Gallup. Four have dimitted, two have been suspended by their Commanderies, and one has been expelled by his Lodge.

Of the officers elected at our organization, the Grand Recorder and the Grand Captain of the Guard have been annually reelected.

Our first and present Grand Treasurer, P. G. C. Wm. D. Todd, has held office each year except for the year 1895.

Our annual returns show a gain each year, except 1879, they show a loss of fourteen. The greatest gain was in 1892, of 301.

P. G. C. Harper M. Orahood has become a veteran among the Correspondents of the world, his report this year being his seventeenth. Courteously submitted,

E. C. PARMELEE, Grand Recorder.

OFFICIAL DRILL MASTER.

The following report was read and on motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Denver, Colo., June 1, 1897.

To the Grand Commandery:

I regret I can not make a favorable report regarding the advancement of Templar drill and work in this jurisdiction.

Last August, at Glenwood Springs, I received my commission of "Official Drill Master" from Right Eminent Grand Commander Shove. I called on the officers there, found them located in fine quarters and doing considerable work.

In September I was at Salida; met most of the officers of the Commandery, and had a short drill one Thursday evening, and expected a larger turn-out at a drill appointed for Saturday evening, but a heavy rain prevented.

I called on the officers at Montrose, Pueblo, Longmont, Fort Collins and Greeley with about the same results. All seemed anxious to have something done, to infuse new life in the Commanderies.

They also expressed themselves in favor of holding a Conclave at some future meeting of the Grand Commandery, and thought, if this could be done, some enthusiasm might be worked up.

I would suggest that the name "Official Drill Master" be changed to "Inspector General," and the office be made a Grand Commandery one. The Sir Knight so appointed to have the power to call a meeting of any officers for instruction in the work or Commanderies in drill, whenever he could so arrange. In this manner I think a great deal of good work might be done.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. WOOD.

MISSISSIPPI RESOLUTIONS.

Sir A. A. Burnand (5), Grand Representative from Mississippi, presented the following, which were on motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSISSIPPI, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Office of Grand Recorder.

Jackson, Miss., April 13, 1897.

The special attention of the Representatives of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi near other Grand Jurisdictions is

called to the following proceedings of this Grand Commandery at its last Annual Conclave:

Past Grand Commander Speed offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States has had under consideration a proposed draft for a new Constitution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the organic law of the Grand Encampment ought to be modeled after that of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and should embody the principle that the several Grand Commanderies are entitled to the sole government and control of their subordinates, subject only to the regulation of the Grand Encampment in the matter of the Ritual, uniform, nomenclature, rank of officers and such matters as appertain exclusively to the general welfare of the Order, and leaving every matter and thing of local concern to the exclusive regulation of the Grand Commanderies.

Resolved, further, That the Representatives of this Grand Commandery to all the other Grand Commanderies, be and they are hereby directed to bring the subject-matter to the attention of the bodies to which they are commissioned, with a request that they consider the same, and instruct their Representatives in the next Triennial Conclave regarding their vote upon said proposed new Constitution; and that said Representatives be directed to report the action to the bodies to which they are commissioned, to the Grand Commander, as soon as may be after the same has been under consideration.

To Grand Recorder: In the event our Grand Representative should not attend Grand Conclave, kindly represent him and this Grand Body in above behalf.

Courteously yours,

J. L. POWER,
Grand Recorder.

TWENTY-SEVENTH TRIENNIAL.

An invitation from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, for this Grand Commandery to be present in Pittsburgh, on the occasion of the Twenty-seventh Triennial of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, beginning on the second Tuesday in October, A. D. 1898, was read.

On motion of Sir A. B. McGaffey (1), the same was received and ordered placed on file, and that the Grand Commander appoint a Triennial Committee of five, to serve until after the said Triennial, said committee to have full charge of all arrangements.

The Grand Commander afterwards appointed as said committee:

R. E. Sir Albert B. McGaffey (1).
R. E. Sir Harper M. Orahood (25).
V. E. Sir George J. Dunbaugh (3).
R. E. Sir James H. Peabody (9).
E. Sir William J. Fine (8).

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP.

The petition of Sir Cyrus W. Fisher, a Past Commander, of De Paynes Commandery No. 6, stationed at Oskaloosa, Iowa, now a member of Denver Commandery No. 25, at Denver, for membership, accompanied by the necessary certificates, was presented and referred to

Sir William D. Peirce (1).
Sir George W. Mabey (2).
Sir Bishop D. V. Reeve (3).

The committee afterwards presented its report, and Sir Cyrus W. Fisher was unanimously elected a member of this Grand Commandery.

RENT DEMANDED.

The R. E. Grand Commander submitted the correspondence in the matter of the demand made by the Masonic Temple mortgage trustees, on the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and this Grand Commandery, for rent for the room used by the Grand Secretary, and Grand Recorder.

On motion of Sir S. A. Shepperd (1), the matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, June 1, 1897, 2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor.

R. E. Grand Commander Shove presiding.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals take pleasure in reporting that there has been nothing presented to them for their examination. Also, that an examination of our proceedings since the organization of this Grand Commandery shows no case of grievance or appeal presented to the Grand Commandery for its consideration.

Courteously submitted,

HENRY M. TELLER,

JAMES B. PEARCE,

FRANK P. DAVIS,

Committee.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Past Grand Commander Sir Harper M. Orahoad (25) presented the Report on Correspondence, which was ordered published with our Proceedings. (See Appendix.)

NECROLOGY.

Sir L. N. Greenleaf (1) presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Necrology would respectfully submit the following report:

Since we last met the shadow of the dark angel hath hovered over our Grand Asylum and left us with sorrowing hearts.

Our eyes seek in vain for the familiar face and accustomed presence of one of our most eminent fraters.

On June 22, 1896, shortly after the close of our last Annual Conclave, at the summons of the invisible messenger, Past Grand Commander Webster D. Anthony laid aside his earthly armor and entered the unseen asylum above. He participated in the organization of this Grand Commandery, and may be said to have been its sponsor, since, as the proxy of Grand Master James H. Hopkins, he officiated at its formation and installed its first elective officers. He was the first Deputy Grand Commander and the second Grand Commander on our roll of Grand Officers. Since his retirement from official command, he has rendered almost continuous service as a member of the standing committees of this Grand Body. No one has been more closely identified with its history or put forth greater efforts to place it upon its present high plane among the Grand Commanderies of the United States.

Webster D. Anthony was born in Union Springs, N. Y., on June 4, 1838, where he received a common school education. At the age of eighteen years he removed to Henry county, Illinois, where he engaged in business. In 1858 he went to Leavenworth, Kan., and was employed in the office of the register of deeds. In the spring of 1860 he came to Denver, and his home has been here ever since. He was private secretary to the first territorial governor, in 1861, and the next year was made clerk of the district court of the first judicial district of Colorado. In 1865 he was elected county treasurer of Arapahoe county and collector of taxes for the city of Denver. In 1867 he was elected county clerk and recorder, and being reëlected three times he filled the office for eight successive years. In 1876 Sir Knight Anthony was elected to the legislature, and made speaker of the house, the first to hold that position in the state. In still another way was his name connected with the history of the state, as he was secretary of the convention which met in 1864 to frame a constitution for the organization of a state government.

His Masonic record is as follows: He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Union Lodge No. 7, Denver, on November 30, 1864. He served as W. M. of that Lodge during the years 1867, 1868 and 1871. He was elected Grand Master of Masons in Colorado in 1873 and was reëlected in 1874. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Denver R. A. Chapter No. 2 on February 6, 1867.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Colorado Commandery No. 1 on April 7, 1868, and in 1872 he was elected Eminent Commander.

As noted above, he was elected Deputy Grand Commander in March, 1876, upon the organization of this Grand Commandery, and in 1877 its Grand Commander.

His funeral took place on St. John's Day, June 24, at 2 o'clock p. m., under the auspices of Union Lodge No. 7, his mother Lodge, it being his request that he should have a simple funeral, without show or ostentation. From the Temple the remains were escorted to St. John's Cathedral, the procession being headed by the Society of Colorado Pioneers, of which he was also a member. From thence the remains were conveyed to Riverside Cemetery, where the impressive ceremonies of the Fraternity were performed in the presence of sorrowing relatives, brethren and friends.

"The Asylum gate has opened, and free from pain and sin,
With peace, and joy, and gladness, a pilgrim entered in;
The Master bade him welcome, and by a Saviour blest,
By loving hands enfolded, the pilgrim is at rest.

"His staff and scrip are left behind, behind his sword and shield,
And armor, dimmed and dented on life's rough battle-field;
His term of penance ended; and with rapture and delight,
To bear the palm, to wear the crown, the spotless robe of white."

Through the thoughtfulness of our Grand Recorder, a page was inscribed to his memory in our Proceedings for 1898.

E. Sir Jerome A. Vickers, E. C., of Denver Commandery No. 25, died on March 21, 1897, in the flower of his young manhood, cut off by an insidious disease within a brief year. To Denver Commandery No. 25 we tender our deepest sympathy for the great loss it has sustained in the death of their beloved and zealous young Commander.

The assaults of the invincible enemy along our lines are never ceasing, and within our Subordinate Commanderies hath been heard the sound of lamentation for beloved and departed Fraters. Though it be not within our province to record their names and deeds of loving kindness in these annals, we have every reason to hope that they will shine forth in letters of living light upon the imperishable scroll of the Recording Angel in the great hereafter. They have passed

"From mystery of life to mystery unseen;
From life to Life, a step that parts the veil between,
Two worlds; and then—the honors and awards that await
The valliant Templar as he nears the pearly gate."

From the Grand Encampment of the United States we have received the mournful intelligence of the death of Past Grand Masters Vincent L. Hurlbut and Benjamin Dean, the former in his sixty-seventh and the latter in the seventy-third year of his age. The names of these two eminent Fraters are known throughout the length and breadth of the Templar world, and their memories will be treasured as a precious legacy.

R. E. Joseph S. Wright, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania died in Denver on May 26, 1897, of consumption, after a protracted illness. He came to Colorado nearly two years ago hopeful of regaining his health in this climate, which had proved a specific for so many others similarly afflicted, but alas! the hope was destined never to be realized. He was the most beloved Sir Knight in Pennsylvania, and had received the most exalted honors. It was the loving privilege of Colorado Commandery No. 1 and Denver Commandery No. 25 to accompany his remains to the depot for transmission to his home, with the largest escort ever assembled upon a like sad occasion.

"He who plants within our hearts
All this deep affliction,
Giving, when the form departs,
Fadeless recollection,
Will but clasp the unbroken chain
Closer when we meet again."

From other Grand Jurisdictions we have received sad memorials, telling us of the fresh assaults of the invincible enemy, and of valiant warriors whose swords are sheathed forever.

In this connection we would make especial mention of one who died within the limits of this Grand Jurisdiction. We refer to E. Sir Frederick Kramer, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas, who died at Colorado Springs on September 7, 1896. In 1853, as a soldier of the 7th U. S. Infantry, he marched through this state, which was then regarded as a barren and desolate waste. After his discharge from the service in 1857, he settled at Little Rock, and in 1858 he became a Mason. Civic and Masonic honors were showered upon him, and at sixty-six years of age he laid down the working tools of life, sincerely lamented by all who knew him.

Resolved, That to the Grand Encampment of the United States, to the Grand Commanderies of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New

Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas we tender our profound and Knightly sympathy for the great and irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of distinguished and beloved fraters, many of whose names belong to the wide domain of earth and whose lives were an inspiration to others to persevere in the same great cause.

Resolved, That pages be suitably inscribed in our proceedings as follows: To the memory of deceased fraters in this jurisdiction; and, To the memory of deceased fraters in other Grand Jurisdictions.

"Lord, we can trust Thee for our holy dead;
They, underneath the shadows of Thy tomb,
Have entered into peace; with bended head
We thank Thee for their rest, and for our lightened years.
"But, Lord, our living—who, on strong seas
Of sin and sorrow still are tempest tossed!
Our dead have reached their homes, but Thou
Teach us to trust Thee, Lord, for them Thy children here."

Courteously submitted,
LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF,
IRVING W. STANTON.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following, which was adopted, and a warrant ordered drawn on the Grand Treasurer for \$275.05, the amount of said pay roll.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Denver, Colo., June 1, 1897.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of your Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, beg leave to report that they have examined said reports and find them correct; and we find that there is now in the treasury of the Grand Commandery the sum of \$1,514.26, for which a certified check is presented, and \$1,000 in bonds of the Masonic Temple Association. We further report the following sums due the Sir Knights hereinafter designated as traveling expenses, and recommend the payment of the same.

Courteously submitted
CHAS. W. BOWMAN.
JOS. W. MILSOM.
HENRY C. FROST.

G. C. Eugene P. Shove.....	\$ 4.50
D. G. C. George J. Dunbaugh.....	7.00
G. G. John M. Maxwell.....	20.00
G. Pre. John Wallis Ohl.....	12.00
G. J. W. George W. Roe.....	7.50
No. 5—Henry R. Pendery.....	20.00
No. 6—Frank P. Davis.....	3.50
No. 7—James L. Morehead.....	3.75
No. 8—John E. Brothers.....	12.60
No. 9—Daniel A. Bradbury.....	11.50
No. 10—Sharon Atkinson.....	2.80
No. 11—George Weaver.....	33.50
No. 12—Willis A. Warner.....	2.00
No. 13—Leander Giddings.....	3.70
No. 15—Charles A. Merriman.....	20.50
No. 16—Albert Jeffers.....	34.60
No. 17—George A. Montgomery.....	12.00
No. 18—John B. Hershey.....	18.10
No. 19—James F. Kyle.....	20.00
No. 21—Cyrus H. Phelps.....	9.00
No. 22—James B. Pearce.....	16.50
Total	<u>\$275.05</u>

REPORT ON RETURNS AND WORK—CHARTER GRANTED.

The following was presented, and on motion of Sir Geo. W. Roe (9), was adopted, and a charter ordered issued as therein recommended:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Returns and Work have examined the returns from all the Subordinate Commanderies, and find same correct with the following exceptions:

Cañon City No. 9 fails to give date for reinstatement and dimit.

De Molay No. 13 fails to give date for one dimit.

Your committee have examined the records and returns of Cripple Creek Commandery, U. D., stationed at Cripple Creek, together with a petition for charter and a copy of the proposed By-Laws.

The records are complete, and the returns made in proper form. The Commandery has conferred the Orders on six Companions. We therefore recommend that a charter be issued, and that it be constituted as Cripple Creek Commandery No. 26, and stationed at Cripple Creek, Colo., with the following twenty-two Sir Knights as charter members:

Fredrick Sophus Johnson.
John Wesley Sleeper.
Matthew Clayton Barker.
Victor Gardiner Hills.
Filler Luke Thompson.
John Spraker Carman.
James Mann Parker.
Tom Alexander Smith.
Peder Ludwig Thorsen.
Joseph Hazard Wilber.
David Andrew Weaver.

Percy Stephenson.
Edward Livingston Shaffer.
Ellis Sargent.
John Wilson Eckman.
Harry Hargrave Walsh.
John Elsworth Rinker.
James Hiram Boyd.
Charles Ridpath.
Willis Grant Moore.
Israel Nelson Barker.
William Clark McKelvy.

Courteously submitted,

HARRY A. LEE.

ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER.

J. B. HERSHEY.

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, by Sir A. B. McGaffey (1), presented the following, which on motion of Sir H. M. Orahood (25), was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Commander's address referring to official acts, amendments to By-Laws, decisions and recommendations, would report as follows:

That the dispensations issued be approved, with the exception that we do not approve of the precedent established by the dispensation granted to Ouray Commandery No. 16 to attend as escort the funeral of a member of the family of a Knight Templar.

That we approve the recommendation of the Grand Commander in regard to reduction of annual dues of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11.

That we approve the action of the Grand Commander in issuing circular in regard to unauthorized and spurious "Masonic Secret Works" and "keys," and cautioning against their use.

That we approve the two decisions made by the Grand Commander as being good law.

We have carefully examined the exhaustive report made by the commission appointed by the Grand Commander at our last Annual Conclave to examine the circumstances surrounding the charges against and final conviction of E. Sir E. R. Walter, a member of this Grand Commandery, and we are absolutely convinced and most heartily recommend that, considering the investigation and recommendations of the board of pardons of this state, and the further full and unconditional pardon granted the Sir Knight by the governor of this state, that he be fully exonerated by this Grand Commandery, and restored to full fellowship and Knightly rank among us; and, further, that the censure recommended against Pike's Peak Commandery for dereliction in this matter be fully and permanently removed.

We have carefully considered the correspondence relating to the claim for rent made upon this Grand Commandery by the Trustees of the Masonic Temple Association, and have carefully examined the resolutions voluntarily tendered this Grand Commandery by the Temple Association under date of September 30, 1889, and we report and recommend that this Grand Commandery, under the terms of said resolutions, have acquired incontestable rights to apartments in this Temple, so long as the property remains in the name of the Masonic Temple Association, and that the demand for rent made by the Mortgage Trustees of said building is untenable and ought not to be recognized by this Grand Commandery. We further recommend that this Grand Commandery donate to the said Temple Association such amount of money as they may annually feel willing to appropriate to aid in the final reclamation of the property.

We have carefully considered the report of the "Official Drill Master," together with his recommendations, and we believe that the office should be continued in its present form and manner, and that a continuance may produce more satisfactory results. We would therefore recommend that the recommendations of the Official Drill Master be not approved.

We have carefully considered the circular containing the resolutions offered by Past Grand Commander Speed of Mississippi, in regard to the change proposed by him in the organic law of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, and unanimously and heartily recommend that this Grand Commandery do not concur therein.

J. H. PEABODY.

A. B. MCGAFFEY.

W. W. ROWAN.

WARRANTS ORDERED DRAWN.

Sir H. A. Lee (16) offered the following, which was adopted and warrants ordered drawn as therein recommended:

Resolved, That the sum of \$500 be appropriated to Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder, for services for the past year, and the sum of \$100 for the contingent expenses of his office, and the sum of \$10 to Sir Thomas Linton, Grand Captain of the Guard, for services at this Annual Conclave.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Sirs D. A. Barton (25) and Sir A. B. Noxon (6) were appointed to collect the ballots. The balloting resulted in the election of:

Sir George J. Dunbaugh (3), Pueblo, R. E. G. Commander.
Sir John M. Maxwell (5), Leadville, V. E. D. G. Commander.
Sir Harry A. Lee (16), Denver, E. G. Generalissimo.
Sir Julius B. Bissell (25), Denver, E. G. C. General.
Sir John Wallis Ohl (17), Salida, E. G. Prelate.
Sir George W. Roe (9), Pueblo, E. G. S. Warden.
Sir Ed G. Arnold (1), Denver, E. G. J. Warden.
Sir William D. Todd (25), Denver, E. G. Treasurer.
Sir Ed. C. Parmelee (25), Denver, E. G. Recorder.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read:

Sir William J. Fine (8), Gunnison, E. G. Standard Bearer.
Sir Richard W. Corwin (3), Pueblo, E. G. Sword Bearer.
Sir James B. Severy (6), Colorado Springs, E. G. Warden.
Sir Thomas Linton (1), Denver, E. G. C. of Guard.

INSTALLATION.

The elected and appointed Grand Officers were installed by the R. E. Grand Commander, Eugene P. Shove, and assumed their stations.

R. E. George J. Dunbaugh responded in a short speech.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

The R. E. Grand Commander, as his first official act, presented a Past Grand Commander's jewel to R. E. Sir Shove, our retiring Grand Commander, who returned thanks in a neat speech.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir James H. Peabody (9), Cañon City.
Sir William W. Rowan (16), Ouray.
Sir Eugene P. Shove (8), Colorado Springs.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Harper M. Orahood (25), Denver.
Sir Alphonse A. Burnand (5), Leadville.
Sir Ernest LeNeve Foster (25), Denver.

ON NECROLOGY.

Sir Lawrence N. Greenleaf (1), Denver.
Sir Bishop D. V. Reeve (3), Pueblo.
Sir James L. Morehead (7), Boulder.

DONATION.

On motion of Sir William D. Todd (25), \$100 was donated to The Masonic Temple Association of Denver.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

The Grand Commander announced that Colorado Commandery No. 1 would confer the Order of the Temple this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, and all Sir Knights were invited to be present.

THANKS.

On motion of Sir J. W. Ohl (16), the thanks of the Grand Commandery were tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1, for decorating the Asylum, and for their consenting to exemplify the work this evening.

MINUTES READ.

The minutes of the Conclave were read and approved.

ADJOURNED.

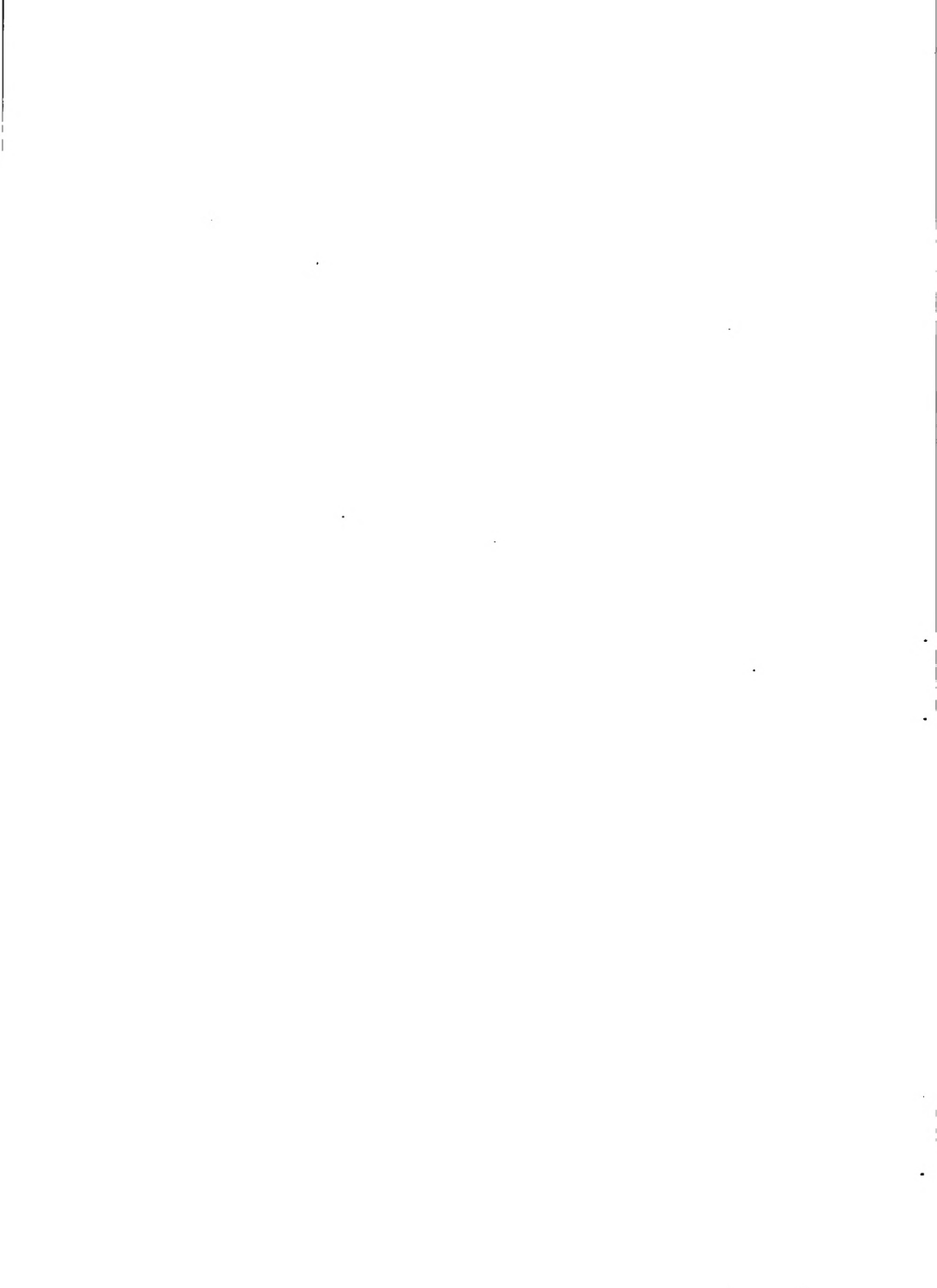
The Grand Commandery adjourned, to meet in Denver, Tuesday, June 7, 1898.

GEORGE J. DUNBAUGH,
Grand Commander.

Attest:



Grand Recorder.



APPENDIX.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATUTES.

FORMS.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following named jurisdictions:

Alabama.....	36th Annual Conclave.....	May 18, 1896
Arizona.....	4th Annual Conclave.....	November 11, 1896
Arkansas.....	24th Annual Conclave.....	April 21, 1896
California.....	38th Annual Conclave.....	April 23, 1896
Canada.....	13th Annual Conclave.....	September 16, 1896
Connecticut.....	69th Annual Conclave.....	March 17, 1896
District of Columbia.....	1st Annual Conclave.....	May 11, 1896
Florida.....	2d Annual Conclave.....	May 14, 1896
Georgia.....	35th Annual Conclave.....	April 15, 1896
Illinois.....	40th Annual Conclave.....	October 27, 1896
Indian Territory.....	2d Annual Conclave.....	August 10, 1896
Indiana.....	42d Annual Conclave.....	April 15, 1896
Iowa.....	33d Annual Conclave.....	July 14, 1896
Kansas.....	27th Annual Conclave.....	May 12, 1896
Kentucky.....	49th Annual Conclave.....	May 27, 1896
Louisiana.....	33d Annual Conclave.....	February 14, 1896
Maine.....	45th Annual Conclave.....	May 7, 1896
Maryland.....	26th Annual Conclave.....	November 24, 1896
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	90th Annual Conclave.....	October 29, 1896
Michigan.....	40th Annual Conclave.....	May 19, 1896
Minnesota.....	31st Annual Conclave.....	June 24, 1896
Mississippi.....	36th Annual Conclave.....	February 18, 1896
Missouri.....	35th Annual Conclave.....	April 21, 1896
Montana.....	9th Annual Conclave.....	September 14, 1896
Nebraska.....	24th Annual Conclave.....	April 16, 1896
New Hampshire.....	27th Annual Conclave.....	September 29, 1896
New Jersey.....	38th Annual Conclave.....	May 12, 1896
New York.....	83d Annual Conclave.....	September 8, 1896
North Carolina.....	16th Annual Conclave.....	May 13, 1896
North Dakota.....	7th Annual Conclave.....	June 12, 1896
Ohio.....	54th Annual Conclave.....	October 14, 1896
Oklahoma.....	1st Annual Conclave.....	February 10, 1896
Oregon.....	10th Annual Conclave.....	October 8, 1896
Pennsylvania.....	43d Annual Conclave.....	May 28, 1896
South Dakota.....	13th Annual Conclave.....	June 12, 1896
Tennessee.....	34th Annual Conclave.....	May 14, 1896
Texas.....	42d Annual Conclave.....	April 22, 1896
Vermont.....	44th Annual Conclave.....	June 9, 1896
Virginia.....	74th Annual Conclave.....	November 26, 1896
Washington.....	9th Annual Conclave.....	June 3, 1896
West Virginia.....	22d Annual Conclave.....	May 30, 1896
Wisconsin.....	38th Annual Conclave.....	October 13, 1896
Wyoming.....	9th Annual Conclave.....	May 20, 1896

ALABAMA—1896.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

Judging from the tenor of these reports, the general status of Knight Templary in Alabama, barring an exception or two, does not indicate very much progress. Still it is gratifying to believe that, while no very marked advancement is being made, a healthy tone prevails in most of the Subordinate Commanderies.

Of the last Triennial he says:

Although as a pageant the Grand Encampment was without precedent in the annals of Masonry, as a legislative body it accomplished little of general moment. Indeed, its action, or rather its lack of action, has called forth caustic criticism from high authorities. There seemed to be an inclination toward recreation rather than business.

The Committee on Correspondence report:

Your Committee on Correspondence had prepared a report in topical form, but owing to the press of business and other affairs, it has not been put in proper form for publication. We shall have our next report printed and distributed in advance of the next meeting of the Grand Commandery, and will endeavor to include in it all that is of interest in the Proceedings of the various Grand Bodies.

Sir Robert L. Douglass, Grand Commander.

Sir H. Clay Armstrong, reëlected Grand Recorder.

ARIZONA—1896.

We quote from the opening of the Grand Commander's address:

Another year has passed away, and we are again permitted to assemble around our altar without the loss of one Knightly form. In welcoming you to this, the Fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arizona, allow me to do so by expressing the confident hope that our Order and Masonry in general is entering upon a season of greater prosperity than has been experienced for many years past. The great national struggle for the supremacy of the various political parties is now settled, and the clouds of adversity and unrest that have for months hung heavy over our horizon will soon give way before the sunshine of reviving and returning prosperity.

No more fitting place could have been selected for this annual reunion of the representatives of the earliest defenders of

the Christian religion than this beautiful city of Tucson. As nearly as we are informed, more than three hundred years ago the cross of our Saviour was planted on the banks of the Santa Cruz by those hardy pioneers of civilization, the Jesuit Fathers, whose devotion to their religious beliefs caused them to penetrate the wildest deserts then known to civilized man. Since all of these years how great is the change.

We come to greet you in all of the ease and luxury of modern railway travel, and find, reared by the side of the great ruins whose early history extends back unknown hundreds of years, a beautiful, thriving city, equipped with all of the great modern conveniences that contribute to our prosperity and happiness, and, above all, peopled with great hearted men and women, whose chiefest aim is to give aid and support to the poor and weary pilgrims, and bear the banner of the cross onward and upward for the final approval of the Great Commander of our salvation.

And the following:

So far as has come to my knowledge, the utmost harmony and good feeling prevails among the Commanderies and membership of our jurisdiction. There seems to be no controversies or difficulties to settle, no grievance has been presented by any one for adjudication, and, notwithstanding the long continued stringency of the financial world and consequent hard times, our Order has made very substantial increase in members and is generally in a prosperous condition.

The reports show the Order to be in good condition.

Sir John M. Ormsby, Grand Commander.

Sir George J. Roskrue, reflected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1896.

The Grand Commander commences his address as follows:

Another year has passed; the closing hour of our Templary year is striking. We can scarcely realize that a year has come and gone since we met in Annual Conclave, yet, it is true, how fleeting and transitory are all things earthly. Have we emphasized its meaning by at least trying to live in the discharge of Knightly duty, and to govern ourselves by the sublime principles of this magnanimous Order? If so, 'tis well, for "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "To feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted" is only one of the great truths Templarism teaches. And what a beautiful, well-ordered life would we have, if we fully understood and practiced the full meaning of that principle alone. But

when we view the whole teaching of our Order, if we but lived it, none would say aught against it, but we would win the sympathy and admiration of the true, the noble and the good of every clime, and bind the hearts of those who come after us in the strong bonds of a fraternity as broad as our civilization itself.

Of the condition of the Order he says:

The Order is at peace within our borders and in all sister Grand Jurisdictions, and no dissatisfaction or broils calculated to disturb our hitherto peaceful relations with each other have been reported to me.

We note the following:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances are pleased to report that the condition of the Commanderies is such that no appeals have been taken or grievances lodged for investigation received. This speaks louder than language can express as to the fraternal and brotherly feeling existing in all branches of our beloved Order.

We quote from the opening of Sir Knight Rickon's Report on Correspondence:

It hardly seems that a year has rolled by since I last had the pleasure of presenting the Report on Correspondence for your approval, but it is so, and while it has been a year of general depression and financial distress it is cheering to read that our beloved Order has made, with some few exceptions, fair progress in all the jurisdictions of this great and glorious Union. Not only has progress been the order of the day, but peace and harmony seem to prevail throughout the Templar hosts. No burning questions have been up for discussion. The only subject that seems to have been generally discussed is the question of dependent membership, and on this there is some division of opinion.

Our jurisdiction receives full and kindly notice.

Sir George Thornburgh, Grand Commander.

Sir James A. Henry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1896.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

The inspection of the Commanderies this year has been chiefly since the installation of the newly elected officers, and hence an allowance must be made for deficient practice. But the reports of the Inspectors hereto appended show a very decided improvement in the practice of the Ritual and the tactics.

As yet there has not been uniformity in the opening ceremonies adopted by the several Commanderies, but with the adoption of the new tactics I feel assured there will be a universal compliance with the law.

And of public installations:

I have become impressed with the importance of public installation of officers in the Commandery. Such meetings are calculated to increase the interest of members in the work of the Commandery, and create friendships that will be lasting, and enable members of other Masonic bodies to obtain a just and favorable impression of the virtues and character of this magnanimous Order.

Under the head of decisions we find a question which has often been asked. We know of no way to avoid the evil consequences of such improper action. It may be, probably is, one of the unfortunate consequences of the requirements of our mode or system of balloting. The Grand Commander in his decision fails to answer the question:

To what extent may a Commandery or the members thereof proceed in an effort to ascertain whether improper use of the ballot is not being made to prevent the entrance into the Commandery of companions who are in every way worthy to become Knights Templar, or to protect the life and secure the growth of the Commandery?

Answer:

There can be no question but that the exercise of this sacred right of a Knight Templar to gratify any prejudice or personal ill will against a companion whose application is being considered, or the exercise of any spirit of revenge toward the applicant, or any ill will toward the Commandery itself, or any spirit of hostility to the growth and prosperity of the Commandery, or to be revenged for any supposed or real slight of the Commandery to a Sir Knight, would not justify him in casting a black ball against a companion every way worthy, and whose accession to the Commandery would be beneficial. It does not seem possible that one who has listened to the lectures of a Knight Templar, taken its solemn obligation, entered into the spirit of its lofty ideas, could, through any personal feelings of envy, prejudice or spite, use the sacred right of the ballot for the injury of the applicant or the Commandery to which he belonged.

Yet the stubborn fact remains. It is sometimes done and there is no way to prevent it.

We give his earnest farewell words:

And so, dear brethren, Sir Knights, having passed the three score and ten years allotted to man and rapidly approaching four score years, from the experience and observation of a long public life, while the hills of immortality rise on the not distant horizon, I desire to say that I have a profound conviction of the truth and saving efficacy in the sublime principles taught in the gospel and reflected in solemn emphasis in the work of the Temple. God grant you long life of exalted manhood, loving the Temple and Templar work, that you may win a true Templar's reward—a crown of eternal righteousness.

Sir Knight Davies again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is very full and complete. Our jurisdiction receives kindly notice.

Sir Trowbridge H. Ward, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas H. Caswell, reelected Grand Recorder.

CANADA—1896.

This Assembly was held in the city of London, Ontario. From an address of welcome we quote:

You will be gratified, we feel sure, to learn that at no time in the history of Knights Templarism in London has the spirit of enthusiasm taken such hold upon the minds and hearts of the brethren, or the prosperity of the Preceptory been so signally manifested, as during the year which has just passed.

And from the reply:

Knights Templarism is in a flourishing condition all over the Dominion, and he trusted every knight would continue to do his utmost to advance the Order in every section of the jurisdiction.

And from the annual address:

It is my privilege to extend to you all a cordial and Knightly greeting, and to congratulate you upon the continued prosperity of our beloved Order in Canada. Slowly perhaps, but steadily, the Order of the Temple is increasing and gaining ground. It may not be making as great strides in numbers as some ardent members would wish, but the increase is a solid gain and not of a mushroom growth. Many of our leading citizens and active leaders in other branches of Masonry have of late joined our Order, and are taking a leading interest in Templar affairs. This augurs well for its continued prosperity. It is much better thus to receive into our ranks those who will be a credit to us, even if fewer in numbers, than to indiscriminately accept material merely for the purpose of increasing the roll and bank account of the Preceptory.

Sir Henry Robertson again makes the Report on Correspondence. His opening gives the plan of his report:

All the Proceedings that have been received have been carefully perused and digested, and the extracts made will give a fair idea of the progress of the Order in foreign jurisdictions, the ways and manner of promoting Templar interests, and the utterances of the eminent Sir Knights who have been chosen in the several states to preside over the destinies of the Order during the past year.

On the temperance question he says:

The liquor question is of absorbing interest in only a few localities. In some jurisdictions, liquor sellers, liquor dealers and saloon keepers are debarred from membership, and, as a general rule, rightly so. The business is certainly a degrading one, and the high ideals of the Templar Order call for extra care in the selection of its material.

The following is his conclusion:

"When men exalt their views to Heav'n's high will,
With steady aim their duty to fulfill,
The mind expands, its strength appears,
Growing with their growing years.
Mounting the apex of Masonic skill,
Be this the earnest purpose of our lives,
Success must crown the man who nobly tries."

Sir William H. Whyte, reëlected Grand Master.

Sir Daniel Spry, reëlected Grand Chancellor.

CONNECTICUT—1896.

The Grand Commander's address shows the Order to be in a prosperous condition.

Our friend Captain Fred. Spencer, Grand Inspector, reports:

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report that the Commanderies that I have inspected conform very closely to the requirements of the Grand Encampment of the United States in regard to the Ritual, and the character of the work is better than that of the previous year. These inspections are attended with some difficulties in consequence of the various ways in which Commanderies are allowed to perform some portions of the work, which might be remedied by this Grand Body selecting the particular way in which it desires the Orders to be conferred, and requiring all its Subordinates to conform thereto.

We believe, as we have often stated, in voluntary membership. Yet, the other side of the question is to be considered, and we believe every Mason should help bear the burdens as well, and that it is right, if he chooses to be a Knight Templar, that he should be required to keep up membership, under ordinary circumstances, in Lodge and Chapter.

Our own Grand Lodge jurisdiction having always taken so strong a position against the liquor traffic, we feel that we are in the lead of our older sister jurisdiction, even if we are a great deal further west. In this connection we call attention to what we said on this question last year, in reviewing Michigan, and about Templar emblems on saloons in reviewing Oregon. With this explanation we quote from the Grand Commander's address:

In looking over the field of Templary, we find two questions claiming particular attention in some jurisdictions, to wit: Membership in Lodge and Chapter necessary to retain good standing in Commandery, and the liquor question. Happily, this jurisdiction has not thus far been called upon to legislate in respect to either of these questions. We believe that membership in a Masonic body should be voluntary. Measures to compel affiliation is contrary to the spirit as well as to the first principle of our Ancient Craft, and the ballot should be sufficient to prevent any undesirable or unworthy person from being received into our Order, no matter what particular business he may be engaged in. The character of the man, rather than his occupation, should concern us most. If the question of profession or occupation of a candidate is to be a qualification, it is difficult to say where the line would eventually be drawn.

Only one decision is reported:

The question of continuous payment of annual dues was raised by the Commandery of which I am a member, and as it was a matter that the Grand Encampment has passed upon, I submitted the following to the Grand Master, for his decision, omitting dates and titles:

"By decision No. 2 of Past Grand Master Gobin, the payment of dues for any fixed time is inconsistent with title XIX., section 8 of the Code."

One of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction has had a By-Law in operation for the past twenty-two years, requiring its members to pay dues for the period of ten years, and under that law some one hundred and fifty of its members are exempt. The question is, are the members who were considered exempt under that By-Law to be again placed on the roll of due-paying

members in the event of the passage of an amendment, which will comply with the decision referred to, and which was approved by the Grand Encampment?

DECISION.

Members who have complied with such a By-Law as you quote and have become exempt from the payment of dues, cannot be placed on the roll of due-paying members. When they joined the Commandery they agreed to support the By-Laws of the Commandery, and said By-Laws was a contract between the Commandery and the member. The member having complied with his part of the contract, the Commandery must comply with its part.

The committee to whom was referred the address, after discussing this decision very fully, and evidently unfavorably, in which we are inclined to agree with them, conclude as follows:

If the individual member is to be bound only by such laws relating to the payment of dues as are in force at the beginning of his membership, or as to which he afterwards consents, then the same is true with regard to all other laws. And the same rule holds good in the relation of Subordinate Bodies to their superiors. This would soon result in such confusion, as new members are received, that it would soon be impossible to determine the rights and duties of any. If, however, the decision be correct, there should be an immediate revision of the form of the obligations.

The whole matter was finally referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report at the next Annual Conclave, giving them a year for consideration.

A banquet followed the regular proceedings, with nearly 400 present.

Sir Albert L. Eugene succeeds Sir Knight Birdsey as Correspondent, and presents a very full and complete report. Our jurisdiction receives full and complimentary notice. In his closing, he says:

In none of the Grand Jurisdictions do we find disintegrating elements at work, but, on the contrary, we notice every indication of peace, harmony and prosperity. But one shows an actual loss, another neither loss nor gain, while all others show more or less gains in numerical strength, Connecticut being prominent among the latter.

Sir Lyman H. Johnson, Grand Commander.

Sir Eli C. Birdsey, reelected Grand Recorder.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1896.

A new Grand Commandery, organized January 24, 1896.

The first Annual Conclave was held May 11, 1896.

The Grand Master, Sir Knight Warren La Rue, with an escort, was present at both Conclaves.

We join in congratulations and quote the opening of the Grand Commander's address:

Sir Knights—For the first time in the history of Templarism in this jurisdiction we are permitted to look upon a "Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the District of Columbia" assembled in Annual Conclave. The closing hour of the first Templar year of this Grand Commandery has arrived, and it is with the greatest of pride and pleasure that I am permitted to extend to you, Sir Knights, my congratulations on the success which has so far attended our efforts in placing the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia in a position which has secured for it the most kindly recognition from the various Grand Commanderies throughout our country. Many complimentary as well as congratulatory letters have been received from fraters of every Templar jurisdiction in the land, all commending us for the wisdom we have displayed in placing the Templar organizations of our jurisdiction on a footing with others, and predicting for us as a Grand Commandery a bright and prosperous future.

The condition of our various Commanderies at this time is such as I take pleasure in commending, and trust that there shall be no backward step with any one of them, but that all may in the near future be able to rejoice in a still greater prosperity.

We note particularly the following:

Much has been said and much has been written upon a subject in which the Knights Templar of the District of Columbia have a great interest; that is: Should the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States have a permanent headquarters? If so, where should it be located? This question, in my opinion, is one of great importance to the entire Templar jurisdiction of the United States. There should not be a dissenting voice on this proposition. Why should such a great and important body as the Grand Encampment of the United States have its headquarters, as it does now, virtually in a trunk? It is bad enough for an officer of the army to be compelled, when he can not help it, to have his "headquarters in the saddle," but is there any good excuse to be offered for the Grand Encampment of the United States being in its present position as to headquarters? One term we have found it located in the state of Ohio, next we find it in the state of Iowa, next we find it in the state of Virginia, and now we find it in the state of Missouri. Where next will we find it? Where should we find

it? Let the answer be, in the city of Washington, the capital of the nation, where many of the great institutions of our country are being located, and which is so easy of access. This question, Sir Knights, is one of great interest, not only to us of the District of Columbia, but to the Sir Knights of all Templar jurisdictions. The subject is now being agitated, and under the circumstances I feel that we are justified in placing before our fraters many advantages our city possesses, and by all honorable means that we can employ have our city selected as the permanent home of the Grand Encampment.

In advocating a permanent location of the headquarters of the Grand Encampment of the United States, let it not be understood that I am also advocating the holding of the Triennial Conclaves in the same city where the headquarters may be permanently located. This I do not advocate. I believe that the assembling of the Sir Knights in large numbers every three years in different cities of our Union is of great advantage to our Order, and the proposition to abolish these assemblages I would not for a moment think of advocating.

This Grand Commandery should exert a strong influence in securing the permanent location of the headquarters at Washington.

Sir Frank H. Thomas, Grand Commander.

Sir I. La Rue Johnson, Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1896.

The Grand Commander reports in detail the work of organization incident to the formation of the new Grand Commandery. We quote from the closing of his address:

Many letters have been received from Grand Commanders and other officials of sister jurisdictions, containing sentiments of fraternal kindness and encouragement, congratulating Florida upon the fact of the organization of the Grand Commandery, and, of course, it is and will continue to be our pride and glory to command the respect and inspire the confidence of all illustrious and magnanimous Knights Templar wheresoever dispersed, and both by precept and example, in the discharge of the important duties devolving upon us in our elevated character as members of this illustrious Order, endeavor, by amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct to convince the world of mankind that our mission in the world is nothing less than the inculcation of a better, purer, higher life among men.

We take it for granted there will be a report next year:

Resolved, That the Grand Commander be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the same to consist of three members of the Grand Commandery, and also that this provision be a standing regulation of the Grand Commandery.

The usual Grand Representative system was adopted.

Sir Wilber P. Webster, Grand Commander.

Sir William A. McLean, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA—1896.

Under the head of "Preliminary Proceedings," we find an address of welcome and response thereto given in full.

The Grand Commander makes a business-like report after commencing as follows:

Without further apology for the omission of a dissertation on the inspiring history and the magnificent superstructure of the eternal principles of our Order, I beg your indulgence while I briefly review the events of the Templar year just closing.

Of the condition of the Order he says:

Templarism has been described as the "luxurious branch of Masonry." While we have not kept up with the marvelous growth shown in more congested centers of population. I believe that the early return of prosperity, together with the tidal wave of new blood that is pouring into Georgia, will in a very few years show a large increase in our membership. I have had several inquiries from companions who desired to form Commanderies in their respective cities; one of whom rather insisted that I exercise my prerogative and make him a Knight Templar "on sight." I was constrained to reply "there was no royal road to Templarism." In each instance I pointed out the necessary procedure, not the least important of which was, first to become a Knights Templar in the Commandery nearest to the applicant. These may materialize in the future.

We do not quite understand why outsiders were admitted:

One of the most beautiful celebrations of Christmas was that by Georgia Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, at Masonic Hall, yesterday at noon, when the fraternal virtues of the Order were so touchingly illustrated. The ceremonies were very interesting and impressive, and were witnessed by a number of visitors not members of the Order.

An eloquent address, made by the Deputy Grand Commander, is given in full.

After closing the Grand Commandery, the members participated in an "Excursion and Barbecue," an account of which is given. The social feature was prominent throughout.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Roland B. Hall. Like his former report, it is full and carefully prepared. We quote from his conclusion:

Again we lay aside pencil and shears. But before writing "Finis" to this report we crave the indulgence of our readers for a few moments in order to present a few statistics. That the labor of preparing the foregoing pages is no light task you must acknowledge, when you reflect that 6,681 pages of printed matter had to be scanned; some of them, it is true, necessarily hastily. That some items of interest may have been omitted we do not deny. But our aim has been to cull for your edification those only which have appeared of *greater* interest.

From the Proceedings reviewed there were in existence 955 Subordinate Commanderies. Of this number 907 were represented at Grand Conclaves; absent, or unrepresented, 48. The largest membership is that of Pennsylvania, 10,943; the smallest membership, Arizona, 103. The only two Grand Commanderies showing a loss are Missouri, 46, and Tennessee, 29. The greatest increase was that of Pennsylvania, 349; Ohio a close second, with 348. The smallest increase was in Washington, amounting to 2. Arkansas sees her 2, and goes 2 better. The largest percentage of increase is credited to Wyoming, 11½ per cent.

Your Reporter is pleased to announce complete harmony throughout the Templar world. With sincere thanks to our Georgia fraters for their many favorable enconiums upon our past efforts in this line, we hope the foregoing will share a like fate at their hands.

Sir William H. Fleming, Grand Commander.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, reelected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1896.

Very Eminent Sir George M. Moulton, Captain General of the Grand Encampment, was introduced and received with the honors due his exalted position.

As an encouragement to smaller Grand Commanderies, we quote from the Grand Commander's address:

Entering, as we are, upon the fortieth year of our existence as a Grand Commandery, it might not be amiss to glance back-

ward to a scene enacted in the Masonic Temple in this city thirty-nine years ago to-day. October 27, 1857, there convened in the Masonic Temple in Chicago, 83 and 85 Dearborn street, the Representatives of three small Commanderies, with a total membership of 183 Sir Knights, who, acting under the warrant of Grand Master W. B. Hubbard, organized. From such small beginnings has grown a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, holding jurisdiction over sixty-six Commanderies, with a membership of 10,000 true and courteous Knights.

A memorial from a Subordinate Commandery, on Armenia, was presented to the Commander. It is too long to give in full. We quote a part:

Resolved, That it is the conviction of this Commandery that the influence of this noble Order ought to be exerted in favor of civil and religious liberty for the human race in every part of the world, and that this organization ought to at once, by public declaration, place itself on record as emphatically condemning the inhuman outrages now being suffered by Christian Armenians as a crime against the entire civilized world, and request the great civilized powers of earth to at once interfere to put a stop to the butcheries, outrages, tortures and sufferings of these defenseless Christians, promising not only the moral but the material support of this great Order, as in the early days of its glory.

The Grand Commander replied in the most emphatic terms. We quote one paragraph:

The spirit that animated and sustained the vallant Knights of old in their sufferings and mighty deeds of valor in rescuing the Holy Sepulchre from Infidel hands *still lives* in the hearts of the Templars of to-day, and when the hour comes they will be ready to do battle for the down-trodden and the Christian religion. May God direct us, so that we may be successful in our efforts to rescue the Armenian Christians from the bloody grasp of the merciless Turk.

But what are we to say now, when the Christian powers of Europe seem combined in support of "the merciless Turk," not only in keeping his "bloody grasp" on Armenian Christians, but extending and tightening it on the Christians of Crete as well. They all seem to be afraid to say a word or do anything for right, justice or humanity; and all for fear some poor unprotected millionaire money-loaner may not get the money promptly for the coupons due from those same Turks and their rotten government. Poor suffering humanity seems to be at a great disadvantage when its

rights conflict in any way with the interests of the money power. We are told, however, that the right shall prevail. Let us hope and pray that it may do so speedily.

We find a complete Report on Correspondence, again made by Brother John Corson Smith. He continues the interesting history to which we referred last year. This year his subject is "In Bonnie Scotland." The narrative is entertaining and instructive, and the illustrations beautiful and well selected.

We give his introduction with approval:

We herewith present our eighth annual review of the doings of all Templar Grand Bodies with which we are in communication, so far as their Proceedings have been received. Weary though we may have been at times, we nevertheless experienced a pleasure in reading each report—the addresses, the legislation and reviews of our fraters—and were benefited thereby. May we hope that our review may be as interesting to them?

Few are the questions calling for any special mention in this introduction, and we are glad of it. But two seem of any prominence; the first of which is the Grand Encampment law of perpetual jurisdiction, and the earlier that is repealed the better. The claim upon a rejected candidate is indefensible. Does a carpenter claim a stick of timber he has refused to receive from his lumber merchant? Does an operative mason lay claim to a stone which has never been taken from the quarry and that he has even refused to have turned over from its native bed? Or does a girl have perpetual claim for alimony upon a rejected suitor? As much justice in the one as in the other. The idea of a perpetual claim upon anything never paid for, and rejected when presented, is too absurd for any reasonable person to present, and the sooner stricken from the Code the better.

The other question is the penalties a few Grand Lodges would have follow into Chapter and Commandery, the dropping from the roll of a member in arrears for dues without even the pretense of charges and a Masonic trial. We are in favor of a continuous membership in all the lower bodies to retain membership in the Commandery, but can not subscribe to punishment and deprivation of all Masonic rights without first giving the frater a hearing by his peers.

Our jurisdiction receives kindly notice.

Sir Edward Coleman Pace, Grand Commander.

Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, reelected Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1896.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

During the year there have come to us many expressions of fraternal regard from other Grand Commanderies. All of those who have held their Annual Conclaves have spread a hearty greeting upon their records, while all have exchanged Representatives with us who have adopted the Representative system as a method of cultivating close relations and augmenting good will.

We have part in the mighty Templar army, and part of its glory is ours if we are faithful to our trust. We stand here for more than pageantry, and if we let the light of our principles shine, all who are sincerely striving to benefit mankind will feel that our banner is in worthy hands. Ours is a fair opportunity. We stand at the beginning of the history of Templary in this territory. We have the power to make a lasting impression for good. Let us not be satisfied with empty words, but enrich our Order through the influences of our true devotion to the practice of its principles.

A Library Committee was appointed and steps taken to preserve and increase the material on hand.

A charter was granted for a new Commandery without the usual course of dispensation and satisfactory work thereunder, and this against the protest of the nearest chartered Commandery. We believe the precedent a bad one, and concur with the minority report of the committee to this effect.

Sir James E. Humphrey, Grand Commander.

Sir Leo E. Bennett, reelected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1896.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

I am very much pleased to say that, notwithstanding the general depression of the times, we have had quite a healthy growth this year within our jurisdiction. We have in all 3,493 members, a net gain of ninety-nine Sir Knights.

Under the head of "The Triennial," he submits Brother Carson's proposition with approval:

Rt. Em. Sir Enoch T. Carson, of Ohio, submitted a proposition that the Knights Templar throughout the United States build a Temple House in the city of Washington. His idea, as

we understand it, is to make an assessment of twenty-five cents per capita, which will yield \$25,000 annually. His article is too long for publication here, but it covers every point very well.

The Armenian question received attention, as shown by the following committee report, which was adopted:

Whereas, It is current news that the Armenians, being Christians, are being subjected to gross inhumanity by the Turks; and

Whereas, The Order of "Knights Templar" profess to be the champions of the Christian religion, having vowed to wield the sword in its defense, and while we may not be permitted to wield our swords, yet, we can give expression to our feelings on account of the atrocities perpetrated; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Representatives in congress be furnished with a copy of this expression, and that they be urged to use their best endeavors, through the proper channels of our government, to at once put a stop to the murder of Christian men, women and children of Armenia.

In the body of the work the Grand Recorder gives excellent pictures of twenty-eight Past Grand Commanders. It is a very valuable collection to our Indiana brethren.

Sir Knight Ruckle again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is, of course, full and complete. His opening gives a general history of the evolution, the rise and development of these reports. It is too long for our pages, but we quote a part:

The Correspondence Report is a prominent feature of the volume of Proceedings of each Grand Commandery. These reports, in a few years past, have been the medium for the presentation of much that is valuable in Templar matters, both historical and argumentative.

Some reviewers, as it were, sitting serenely on High Olympus, judge the world below without concern; others grace every page with words of courtesy and gracious titles of esteem. The writing of a review is, to many, a labor of love, and to an equal number a task of dogged perseverance. A few write for honor, many for duty; none for profit. Many bear in mind the friendships to be gained and the distinction to be earned; all write with the belief that their labors are a benefit to the Craft.

A system of judicious extracts often seems to be the favored plan; others quote only to criticise, and lie in wait for the hasty decision and the ill-considered argument. One sets out plainly the history of each Conclave, delaying neither to praise or censure; the other finds on every page a topic for commendation or discussion.

To one reviewer all in Templarism is elevating. The good cheer and Knightly greetings of the Triennial, the grand parade,

the noisy and brilliant receptions, the music, the crowded streets, the old friendships renewed, the new ones established, the hearty comradeship everywhere, are an exhilaration and inspiration, and he sees the Order growing to a strength and dignity beyond compare. The other sees the "danger in the flowing bowl" and finds the "cross" and "welcome," where no one else looks for it, over the door of the saloon, and glances at every besmirched creature he sees on the streets to find among her pitiful finery a Templar charm.

We come under the "Extract" class, but try to cut out the greater part of what Brother Ruckle seems not to approve in quotations. It is often more difficult to prune and cut down than to put it all in.

Sir Winfield T. Durbin, Grand Commander.

Sir William H. Smythe, reelected Grand Recorder.

IOWA—1896.

We quote from the opening of the Grand Commander's address:

You have labored for a year, and your work, in varied phases, has doubtless been earnest, and at times required the full force of your energies and skill, for to labor is man's estate. With your work in a measure completed, it is well that you have the place for rest and recuperation; and here, at the home of your Grand Commandery, where peace and quiet reign supreme, you have the best possible opportunity for healthful rest and pleasure. Many of you toil almost incessantly, allowing little or no time for recreation; your necessities may at times seem to demand it, yet it is not right that it should be so, for expended force and energy must be renewed, else the strain results in physical and mental impairment. Our surroundings here are conducive to both health and pleasure, and the goodly number of Sir Knights and their families now gathered on our beautiful grounds is conclusive evidence that the advantages of Templar Park are fully appreciated.

Sir Knights, these grounds are yours, and this lake before you, though not yours, is subject to your pleasure, and is enticing in its beauty; enjoy yourselves. The staff, in connection with the trustees, have endeavored to so plan the work and entertainment of this session, and your sojourn at Templar Park, that you will not only reap full enjoyment now, but derive much pleasure in the anticipation of another year's visit here.

Of the condition of the Order, he says:

Notwithstanding the general financial depression which has prevailed, not only within our own state, but also throughout

the entire United States, our growth for the year 1895 has been very satisfactory. The returns of our Subordinate Commanderies show a net increase of one hundred and seventy (170) for the year. We trust that another year will show a larger number of Commanderies having an increased membership.

Templar Park has extended notice and commendation. It seems to be a success.

Sir J. C. W. Coxe again makes the Report on Correspondence. In opening he says:

We now report peace and prosperity; no note of discord reaches us from Atlantic to Pacific—from lakes to gulf. The steady march of the Templar column is up the steep of time toward the better to-morrow.

The following is from his conclusion:

We write this heading with a feeling of relief, but with none of elation. We have wrought at our appointed task with patience and fidelity, aiming at the very best which we were able to accomplish, consciously avoiding no difficulty and sparing no labor. More than 6,000 pages have been examined in the preparation of this report. "Of the making of many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh." It is no wonder, then, that we welcome relief and long for rest by the quiet waters of Spirit Lake.

Have we done our best? Not always, mayhap; in a prosaic world it is hard to live up to one's ideals, and often experience proves that "the good is the foe of the best," and a jaded spirit may be tempted to content with a present mess of pottage in lieu of a birthright. But the Master knows the intent, the purpose, the high resolve; and there may often be better work wrought out and larger results attained than are clear to present vision. We therefore will be wise to work with fidelity and to wait with patience; some day the results will be seen, and the reward will be seen.

In his review of Colorado he says of our report:

He clips wisely; he comments judiciously and judicially. Two pages are accorded to Iowa for 1894. He quotes from the exordium of Grand Commander Babb's address, and also from "future growth." A paragraph is reproduced from our own introduction, and another from our conclusion. He would be an ungracious guest who would criticise such a host. Frater Oranhood's benignant courtesy thoroughly disarms all dissent. If only he would for once fling down a gauntlet! "Vain hope!" We be brethren, and we abide in peace.

My dear brother, we love you too much to quarrel or find fault with you if we could. Life is too short to

have any part of it wasted in contention with our friends. Let us continue to abide in peace.

Sir Thomas Russell, Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred Wingate, reelected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1896.

The Grand Commander commences his address as follows:

For the twenty-seventh time it is our privilege to assemble in Annual Conclave, to recount the deeds of the past year, and to lay plans for the future. As I look back over the brief period for which you called me to this office, I can not avoid expressing my profound gratitude to the Giver of all Good for the watchful care He has exercised over us, and the spirit of harmony and good will with which the year has been crowned. To me, it has seemed that one of the sublime forces of this age of wonders is Templar Masonry, which is exerting its elevating influence in every department of our life. As Knights Templar, we represent an institution which has been a source of hope and comfort to millions in the days gone, which has inspired men with higher purposes and given them victory over selfishness and sin, and thus to-day is one of the brightest object-lessons before the world to teach the exalted principles of fraternity, courtesy and beneficence. It is in the light of these sentiments that I greet you to-day, at the beginning of this Annual Conclave.

Last year in our report we noticed with approval, the tendency of Commanderies to display the American flag. Kansas is in line, and patriotic:

The flags ordered by resolution to be purchased by this Grand Commandery have been received, and are displayed at this Conclave for the admiration and approval of the Sir Knights. A number of the Subordinate Commanderies of the state have supplied themselves with flags, and it is one of the pleasant results of the resolution that the national colors will awaken patriotic sentiment in the solemn ceremonies of our work, to coalesce with those of devotion to our holy Order.

We have already expressed an opinion on the Armenian question. Our Kansas Knights approved and indorsed the sentiments expressed by the Grand Commander in his address:

There comes up to us a long, despairing cry from the persecuted Christians of Armenia, whose situation is appalling in

this advanced age of Christian civilization. As of old, the cruel Turk is waging a war of extermination against the followers of the cross, and the outrages perpetrated are almost beyond comprehension, while Christian nations stand by and simply protest, without a single stroke to stop this shame and disgrace to the age. Let the united voices of our 100,000 chivalric Knights reach the halls of legislation and the executive of this nation, to cause this blot on humanity to cease at whatever cost, and if necessary the swords of half a million of new crusaders will leap from their scabbards to assist the work. Already the Grand Commandery of Louisiana has sent up their remonstrance to congress and the president to use the power of this great nation in this cause.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted and the committee appointed:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to draft a suitable memorial to the president of the United States requesting him to use his friendly offices with the sultan of Turkey in behalf of the Armenian Christians.

The usual social features were not neglected.

Grand Recorder Callaham again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is very full and complete. We quote from his conclusion:

At last our journey is ended. Our race has been run. Whether successful or not is for you to determine. Much of it has been written while enduring great physical pain—patriotism, 1861 to 1865. But if we have given you an insight into the doings of the Templar world, and have made one point in the elevation of this Christian Order, we are paid for the effort.

Sir William C. Holmes, Grand Commander.

Sir A. M. Callaham, reelected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1896.

The opening exercises were elaborate:

The several Commanderies assembled at the Hotel Glyndon, where the lines were formed, and the column moved at 11 o'clock a. m. The Grand Commandery was escorted by the Subordinate Commanderies, together with the cadets from Central University, and the "Little Commandery" from the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Kentucky, to the chapel of Central University, where an elegant address of welcome was delivered by Sir Knight Curtis F. Burnam, which was responded to by Past

Grand Commander Rev. John M. Worrall in his happiest manner, and was both interesting and instructive.

After the addresses of welcome and response, the office of public worship was conducted by Sir Knight Rev. Thomas U. Dudley in an impressive manner. After which Sir Knight Dudley delivered an impressive and appropriate sermon. After the benediction was pronounced the lines were formed and proceeded to the court house.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

It gives me great pleasure to report to you that the forty-ninth year of your existence has been a very prosperous one; and the growth of the Order, especially in the central part of the state, has been healthful and great.

After adjournment an elaborate entertainment was given.

The climax of the entertainment was reached that night when the Grand ball and reception were given by Richmond Commandery. Never, perhaps, was there assembled a more brilliant throng of beauty and chivalry as Kentucky alone can furnish. And the "Little Commandery" was there, too, admired, petted and loved by all. It was the consensus of opinion that it may be possible to equal, but never can the generous, cultured, open-hearted hospitality of Richmond be surpassed.

Sir Charles A. Woodruff again makes the Report on Correspondence—his twenty-third report. As are his former reports, it is full and complete. Our jurisdiction receives kindly notice.

We quote part of his conclusion:

It will be observed that we have the pleasure to report the organization of three new Grand Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, viz.: Florida, the District of Columbia and the Indian Territory, evidencing a more thorough union of the rapidly increasing army of the Knights of the Temple.

The Twenty-sixth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at which a mighty host of the Templar Knights displayed an unexcelled grandeur and enjoyed an enchanting and surpassing hospitality, was a most jubilant occasion for the Kentucky fraters, in the investiture of one of the most beloved of their number with the insignia of Grand Master of American Templars.

The business transactions at this Triennial Conclave were disappointingly unimportant, and the paucity of the results of this great occasion is not at all complimentary to the numbers there present, from whom much better things were demanded and

expected in the practice of diligence, as well as in the discharge of duty. Let us hope that the Pittsburg Triennial will greatly improve in these essential particulars.

Sir Reginald H. Thompson, Grand Commander.

Sir Lorenzo Dow Croninger, reëlected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1896.

The Deputy Grand Commander presided.

The Grand Recorder stated that the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Charles F. Buck, was detained on business in congress; that he had forwarded his address to be read.

We quote from the address:

The Commanderies of this jurisdiction have been fairly prosperous. Twenty-eight worthy companions knelt at the base of the "triangle" and were advanced to the honors of Knighthood. Some of the great bodies may smile at this; but we know that, all things considered, it is good work with us.

That peace and harmony prevail may be best inferred from the fact that no points of law or dispute have been submitted to me, the solution of which would merit the dignity of a "decision" or "ruling."

Strong Armenian resolutions were adopted.

Sir J. Q. A. Fellows and Sir Richard Lambert make a short but readable Report on Correspondence. It is by subjects and not jurisdictions.

Sir M. L. Scovell, Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert, reëlected Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1896.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

As a sort of prelude to my official address, permit me to extend to each and every Sir Knight present a sincere and hearty greeting, and a warm welcome to this the Forty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine.

During the year just closing, with one exception, no severe affliction has visited our jurisdiction, and I am pleased to say

that I believe it to have been a year of more than average progress and prosperity to our Order. Peace, harmony and entire unity have prevailed generally throughout our entire jurisdiction.

The social feature had attention:

At 6 p. m. the Grand Commandery adjourned until 7:30, and the officers, members and visitors repaired to the banquet hall, where supper was served, after which cigars were lighted and the Grand Commander called upon the Past Grand Commanders for remarks. These were received with much pleasure and interest, especially Sir Knight Drummond's commendation of the social ways of our ancient brethren.

Sir Knight Berry opens his Report on Correspondence as follows:

Your chairman submits his Annual Report, his twenty-first. How fast the river of time flows on, but it needs must for those who have eternity before them.

"How the winters are drifting like flakes of snow,

And the summers like birds between;

And the years in the sheaf, how they come and go

On the river's breast with its ebb and flow,

As it glides in the shadow and sheen."

And this from his conclusion:

After the heavy loss of Correspondents last year, we have a year of respite, as might be expected, for there is no reason why Correspondents should not live their three-score and ten. After all, history is but a chronicle of noble lives. So we must make our history of those who have passed our way, and of the lives which they have lived. Wit, humor and anecdote may enliven it, but that is the gist of it. Too much space should not be given to it, for with our great membership we must expect fifteen hundred deaths a year, and a brief record of the more distinguished must suffice. Perhaps they will not care, for how can we tell that in nobler duties and nobler ways the thoughts of earth may not fade away as the petty cares of childhood fade in the heart of the grown man, or that

"Dreaming through the twilight

That doth not rise or set,

Haply they may remember.

And haply may forget."

Albro E. Chase, Grand Commander.

Stephen Berry, reelected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1896.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

In welcoming you to this, the Twenty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, I desire to congratulate you upon the success and prosperity of this Grand Commandery during the time of its existence. Beginning with but four Commanderies, and a membership of 396, we have to-day, by the returns of the several Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction, twelve Commanderies and 1,132 Sir Knights, all stimulated by a zeal for our beloved Order, and with a strong desire to place our own jurisdiction second to none in carrying forward those beloved principles which should actuate all valliant and magnanimous Sir Knights of the Order, which is renowned for its noble deeds and acts of pure beneficence.

After reporting his official visits during the year, he says:

I am more than gratified to find in all these visitations a display of thorough fraternal feeling existing between the fraters of the various Commanderies, as manifested by the visitations of one Commandery to another in a body, and I have no doubt that I but express the sentiments of the great majority when I say, "Thus may it ever be."

And the committee to whom was referred the address reported:

The Grand Commander's comments on the display of fraternal feeling on the part of the fraters of the different Commanderies, which was evidenced in all of his visitations, is a matter for congratulation, especially as it is an evidence of the Knightly courtesy prevailing throughout this jurisdiction, and which the tenets of our Order inculcate.

Official visitations are pleasant, and very useful and helpful as well.

The Grand Recorder, under the head of uniforms, reports:

Following is a statement showing the membership of each Commandery, and the number of Sir Knights having full Templar uniforms:

(Then follows statement of each Commandery):

A fraction over 50 per cent.

This, Right Eminent Sir, is a good showing, and yet it should be even better, for what does the presence of a Sir Knight in his Commandery amount to if he is not properly clothed. A

brother is not permitted to enter his Lodge without his apron, and, in my judgment, the rule should apply in the Commandery in regard to the uniform.

The better way is to charge for the uniform with the fee for the Orders, and furnish it by the Commandery. It works in practice, too.

Sir Knight Gorgas makes his twentieth Report on Correspondence. Our jurisdiction receives full and kindly notice.

We quote from his closing:

From the statistics of Sir Berry and of our own Grand Recorder, we are pleased to state that Templarism is steadily increasing throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and that peace and friendship prevail. Thus may it ever be.

Sir George Cook, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller, reëlected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—1896.

The usual semi-annual Conclave was held. The Grand Commander made a full report, and the work of the Order of the Temple was exemplified.

A final report was made by the Triennial Committee. We quote a paragraph:

It will be seen from the foregoing statement, that a total of \$3,812.23 has been paid into the treasury of the Grand Commandery, in accordance with its vote passed October 31, 1895. The total amount of money received and disbursed by the Triennial Committee is \$91,065.04.

The Committee on Uniform recommended as a part of the Commandery paraphernalia "The stars and stripes of a regiment of infantry of the United States army."

We quote from the address of the Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave:

Another Templar year closes to-day, and we meet to review the events of the past year, and plan for the year to come. We come with hearts filled with gratitude to the Great Father of us

all, that we are once more permitted to meet and to congratulate each other on the continued prosperity of our beloved Order. Peace and harmony prevail among ourselves, and with our Fraters throughout the world. We look gratefully back upon a glorious and happy past, and forward with assurance to a prosperous and useful future for our Grand Fraternity.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knights Rugg and St. John. It is very full and complete. Colorado receives full and kindly notice. The report commences:

A man's first thought naturally relates to his own people; to those included within the lines of kinship, to whom he is drawn by special ties of interest and affection. Home relations have a just prominence. We rightly accord the first place in our sympathies and in our regard to those who sit with us about the same table and gather about the same fireside, day by day, and year by year. Beginning in this way, there follows a broadening of vision and of feeling, until in the widest scope, the solidarity of the human race becomes evident, as we appreciate the truth of the statement: "No man liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself;" and only then are we prepared to acknowledge a brotherhood which includes the souls of all God's children.

In preparing this review, we have in mind, first of all, our home organization, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to which our report is addressed.

And we quote from the closing:

We submit this report, wishing that it were more complete, more comprehensive, and better calculated to serve the purposes which your Committee on Correspondence have sought to keep steadily in view. Its preparation has required the examination of numerous volumes, some of them of considerable bulk, and however hastily the reading has been done, many items, alike interesting and suggestive, must have been gleaned from the pages thus brought under notice; and these items, covering a wide range of thought and movement, are set forth, with more or less of comment, in the report herewith presented. We cherish a hope that this report may be read by a goodly number of the Sir Knights, who will each receive a copy, not because any special merit attaches to our work, but because they may thus be aided to perceive what expression Masonic Templarism is making of itself, both in its expansion of organic life and its legislation; and, also, what are the strong motives which should influence us to a hearty support of the Templar Order.

We rejoice that among the questions treated by Correspondents, often with great earnestness and ability, are those which pertain to the duties of related life and to the welfare of humanity. Knights Templars cannot be indifferent to the

cries of the struggling and the oppressed. Thus do we find ourselves in sympathy with the persecuted Armenians, and our prayers go forth for their deliverance from the cruel Turk. We marvel that the protest of the Christian powers at this juncture should be so weak. We would do all that is possible to stimulate a wholesome public sentiment, to the end that measures may be promptly taken to stop the atrocities which thrill with indignation the whole Christian world.

Sir William R. Walker, Grand Commander.

Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, reelected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1896.

The Grand Commander's address shows the Order to be in good condition.

A large number of official visits were made and reported:

I have endeavored in these visitations to make them as thorough and valuable as possible, and trust that whatever of criticisms or suggestions I have deemed it wise to make have been received in the same kindly spirit in which they have been made. There is no Commandery but what would be benefited by at least an annual inspection. It is an event to be anticipated and prepared for. These preparations incite a zeal and rivalry among the officers and Sir Knights, the good effect of which is felt for some time thereafter.

The Grand Recorder reports:

I have received the returns and dues from every Commandery in this jurisdiction, and report the following: Knighted, 255; present membership, 5,437; a net gain of 84. Dues to the amount of \$4,466.25 have been received by me and the amount paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Grand Recorder Gerow again makes a full Report on Correspondence. It is one of the best of the year. In closing he says:

In the review we have just completed, we have labored more to select the good things said by others, than in striving to say bright, wise, witty things ourselves. Nor have we sought to intrude our own individuality more than we could possibly avoid. Where we may have erred in opinion expressed, we trust the error has been on the side of virtue. We have constantly sought to present instruction from the wisdom garnered from others more than from our own presumed knowledge; especially have

we noted the grand thoughts of men, magnificently endowed with erudition and ripe experience. Templarism is loudly called upon to take a more prominent stand in the world of action.

Sir Edward D. Wheeler, Grand Commander.

Sir John A. Gerow, reëlected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1896.

The Grand Commander makes the star record of the year for visitations:

It has been my pleasure to visit in an official capacity all the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction, and to officially inspect every Commandery except my home Commandery, which was assigned to the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, J. H. Randall. In nineteen of twenty-five visitations I have been accompanied by either the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo, or by both. Wherever work was presented I am happy to say that it was rendered by each and every one in a manner so impressive and nearly faultless that it was plainly evident that the officers not only knew the Ritual, but had carefully considered its portent and the best manner in which its lessons could be impressed upon the minds of the candidates. Where no work was presented, the time was occupied in nearly every case in the exemplification of the ceremony of opening in full form, manual of the sword, and drill in the tactics of the Asylums, which I trust may in the future bear fruit and reap benefits in many ways. In several Commanderies outside the larger cities little or no work has been done the past year, owing in great part to the financial depression which has been felt throughout our state. Yet, as a whole, a good amount of work has been done, and the growth of the Order has been sure and steady. I found the records in every Commandery neatly and accurately kept, and the financial condition in every instance sound. I have everywhere met with most cordial and hearty reception; the honors due my position were tendered, and hospitality unbounded extended on every hand. To the officers and Sir Knights of each Commandery of this jurisdiction I tender my grateful appreciation of and gratitude for the many courtesies shown me, and assure them that among the most pleasant recollections of my Templar life will be the meeting and association with them.

We quote from the Grand Recorder's report: .

Our domestic relations are harmonious, and I am glad to say peace reigns in and between all of our sister Grand Jurisdictions, as also between each of them and us. It has been

my good fortune to be present at several official visitations with our Grand Commander, whose record in that regard the past year has been unparalleled in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander made no decisions:

During the past year no questions of importance have been submitted which required official decision. The several minor cases which were brought to my notice were easily answered by a reference to the Constitution and Code of Statutes, showing conclusively that peace and harmony prevail.

And the Committee on Jurisprudence report:

The fact that no decisions have been presented to this committee for consideration is a matter that calls for the congratulations of this Grand Commandery, as showing the increase of knowledge of the fundamental laws and closer attention to the Code of Statutes.

Grand Recorder Montgomery again makes a very complete Report on Correspondence. We quote from his opening.

In presenting my seventh annual Report on Correspondence I am pleased to inform you that peace reigns supreme within the Templar world, and that the past year has been favored with a remarkable degree of prosperity in spite of the general financial depression. There is nothing, in the opinion of your committee, now agitating the thinkers and writers of the Order that is worthy of more than passing mention, and hence our report this year will be rather shorter than usual for this reason. We shall in the following pages only notice briefly the items of business transacted, giving here and there such extracts from addresses and reports which we deem worthy of your attention and thought. It would have been much easier to have made our report as long again, but we hope it will be satisfactory in its present form, and that it will be read carefully by all into whose hands these proceedings may fall.

Sir John H. Randall, Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas Montgomery, reëlected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI—1896.

We note the following:

The Grand Commandery was opened in Ample and Knightly Form, and proceeded to the First Methodist church, where the offices of devotion were observed.

The sermon is given in full.

In his opening the Grand Commander uses language such as is sometimes attributed to people living further west. Some one might say it has a slightly mercenary tinge, although probably not so intended.

Harmony has prevailed throughout the borders of our jurisdiction. We have had a year of great prosperity. We are entering upon an era in our history that will be the brightest this commonwealth has ever experienced. It seems that the tide of immigration is flowing towards our Sunny Southland, and ere long our broad acres will again be yielding a golden harvest. This sterling manhood that has caused the waste places of other sections of our great republic to blossom like the rose, is entering Mississippi. We extend to all who may visit us, either for pleasure or profit, a most cordial welcome. We assure them that the road to wealth leads through the South, and that Mississippi embraces the richest section of this road. Numerically, Templarism is not progressing in this state as we should like to see it. Let us not be discouraged; let us rather redouble our efforts to elevate those already in our ranks; let us set up a standard of morality as high as our Knighthood is ancient and chivalric; let us be just and fear not; "Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's and truth's."

Sir Knight De Lap makes his sixteenth Annual Report on Correspondence in his usual independent and entertaining style.

He quotes from Grand Commander Todd's address:

As many of you know, Templarism is strictly and sincerely my religion, and with that idea before me I have endeavored to so shape my performance of duty in every direction.

And comments on it as follows:

If we correctly understand the third paragraph of the above, our brother, unless he changes his *religion*, will, undoubtedly, make his bed in hell. No institution, Masonic or other, human in its creation, will ever save an immortal soul. To accomplish this, there is but One Name given in heaven or among men, and that is the Name of Jesus Christ, the righteous. Templarism is all right, as far as it goes, but it is a broken reed on which to depend for salvation.

We think Brother Todd does not mean to be understood as Brother De Lap interprets his statement, and that Brother De Lap does not mean his criticism to be as hard and harsh as it seems. We give his conclusion:

Having finished our work, we submit it for your inspection. It has been, as usual, performed under the incubus of ill health and whatever of imperfections you may find in it, and they will be few, no doubt, must be charged to this account. As was the case last year, there is not a ripple of excitement or a chance for a scrimmage, except along the line of the status of non-affiliated Master Masons in regard to their standing in the Commandery. The action of California, and our own, in this matter are variously commented upon by Correspondents, and these comments, *pro* and *con*, we have, to a large extent, incorporated into this report. There are some vigorous kicks by the adorers of the central excrescence, against our action; but like all emanations from this source, they don't amount to much, when sifted down and analyzed. It is a well established fact, that when the superstructure kicks away the foundation, the whole will come down and somebody will get hurt. If it is the fellows in the alleged upper stories, the loss will not be very great. On this subject we note the fact that we have some of the ablest minds and best men of the Order on our side. This is pleasant, while the bare fact cuts no figure in so far as affecting our position—a position which we have assumed because we think it correct, and not because it is the fashionable one.

The matter should have had the earnest and sensible attention of the Grand Encampment, at Boston, but it did not, as that concern very seldom indulges in the luxury of doing things practical and sensible; hence nothing was done, and the Statutes of that body are still in conflict with those of our Grand Lodge and common sense, and are likely to remain indefinitely.

It is pleasant to note the fact that peace, harmony and prosperity prevail throughout the land in our institution. A steady, and we trust, healthy growth is apparent and we hope will long continue.

Sir J. M. Buchanan, Grand Commander.

Sir J. L. Power, reëlected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1896.

The Grand Commander in his address says:

It is gratifying to me to report that the growth of the Order in this state for the last year has exceeded our expectations. Nearly every Commandery has shown an improved condition, both in the number of its members and the increase of interest in its affairs. Peace and harmony continue to prevail

throughout our borders, and so far as I am advised, there is nothing to retard our progress or prevent us from doing those good deeds which, alike, form our duty and our pleasure.

Commenting on the reports of District Inspectors he says:

The reports of these several officers to me, show the Commanderies under their charge to be in a good condition. Much valuable information is gathered from their reports, and many suggestions are made for an improved condition that it would be well for us to consider.

The Masonic Home appears prominently in the proceedings and has proper attention:

The Directors are pleased to notice a growing disposition on the part of Masons to visit the Home when in St. Louis, and the hearty commendation expressed by members of the Fraternity, has been a source of great satisfaction to the managers of the Home. Masons are cordially invited to visit the Home at any time, and acquaint themselves with its management and workings, and to make any suggestions to the Board of Directors that they think would be beneficial to the Home.

Grand Recorder Mayo again makes the Report on Correspondence. We quote from his opening:

We begin our nineteenth Annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence under unusually favorable circumstances. First and chiefly, the great state of Missouri was highly honored last summer in Boston by the election of the writer of this report to one of the most important offices in the gift of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. This brings us in closer and more intimate relations and touch with prominent and leading men of this great nation. This has extended our field of labor about an hundred fold. It necessarily broadens our views and acts, and makes us say from the bottom of our heart, "On earth, peace, good will toward men." Then, again, we are confronted with the duty we owe our own state as its Correspondent in reviewing the proceedings and acts and legislation of the various states, and should we, in the course of this report, criticize any, we will endeavor to do so with the best of feeling and intent.

In his conclusion, speaking of the reports examined, he says:

Then turn your thoughts to the fact that one who has to carefully peruse these 6,500 pages, make selections from, and comment some, on the action of some of the Grand Bodies, has no easy task before him, if he does justice to them and has a due regard for the treasury of his own Grand Body.

And further:

General improvement and advancement seem to have marked the course of the Masonic world. Great interest and expectation were manifested everywhere concerning the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave, held in Boston, Massachusetts, last August; none who went regret it, or were disagreeably disappointed.

The non-affiliate question was settled by the Grand Encampment, to the entire satisfaction of the large majority, and the small minority acquiesced in the settlement very gracefully.

Sir Ira V. McMillan, Grand Commander.

Sir Wm. H. Mayo, reelected Grand Recorder.

MONTANA—1896.

The Grand Commander reports in detail a number of official visits with usual beneficial results:

In concluding the account of my official visits, I record with pleasure that peace, harmony and brotherly love appear to prevail throughout our entire jurisdiction. Not a case of complaint or discord has been submitted to our attention during the year. So far as I am able to judge, the Commanderies are in a healthful and prosperous condition, and in most of them great activity prevails. It may be that some of them need more direct and fostering care, and the animating and encouraging attentions of this Grand Body, to aid their zeal and develop their energies.

I think the work of personal visitations with the constituent Commanderies of great value, as it tends to excite a livelier interest in the work and welfare of the Order. There is no other means of reviewing the work or of understanding the real character of the internal operations of a Commandery, except by personal examination, and it tends greatly to uniformity in the conferring of Orders, much to be desired.

In his address we note particularly the following:

I have been asked to define the words "Christian religion," and though in my mind the answer to this question is very clear, the Order has ever been conservative, and, as we think, rather shirked the courage of its own convictions, in refusing to give any general definition.

He then refers to a number of opinions in addresses, etc., and gives his definition as follows:

In view of the above, and calling to my mind some of the many passages of the Ritual, as follows: "The Immaculate Word," "The human skull resting upon the Word of God," "The

lesson by the Senior Warden," "The ascension scene," "The Pre-late's address," "The presentation of the baldric," and finally, "The entire Order of Malta," I give my answer by stating "a full belief in the Apostles' Creed," which we recite upon occasions of public worship.

This was referred to "The Committee on Christian Religion," which reported:

That the definition given by himself and the authorities that he quotes in support of the same meets with our hearty support and approval, and we recommend that the same be adopted.

Moved by Sir Knight Knight that the report of the committee be adopted, said motion being seconded. Sir Knight Monteath moved as an amendment that the report be recommitted to the committee, with instruction to report at the next Annual Conclave. The subject was then discussed pro and con by Sir Knights Knight, Chamberlain, Monteath, Hanson and Neill, and upon the question being stated the amendment prevailed.

If this committee finally agrees with the Grand Commander and their report is adopted, our Brother Todd may not be in such imminent danger as Brother De Lap, by his statement which we have quoted in our report on Mississippi, would have us believe.

The Turkish question, to which we referred last year, was discussed again upon resolutions offered by Grand Recorder Hedges. The resolutions were adopted:

Be it Resolved, by the Knights Templar of Montana, in Grand Commandery assembled, That we have heard with anguish and horror of the barbarous war of extermination waged by the fanatical Turks against that ancient people, the Armenians, apparently for no other reason than that they are Christians.

Resolved, That as soldiers enlisted for the defense of the Christian religion, it becomes us with united and earnest voice to appeal to all the nations of Christendom to join in an effectual protest against this inhuman persecution, and to urge them to secure the setting apart of a sufficient portion of ancient Armenia for their exclusive occupation, under a government of their own and under the protection of the Christian powers.

Resolved, further, That we believe it the duty of the Christian nations conjointly to secure the complete severance of ancient Palestine from Turkish occupation and control, that it may be repossessed and restored to its ancient beauty and fertility by Christian and Jew alike, attracted by its sacred associations and governed by its own people, under the joint guarantee of all Christian nations.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Montana members of congress, and to the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States.

Grand Recorder Hedges makes a very full Report on Correspondence. It is nearly all written; very few quotations. Departing from our usual custom, we quote from his review of Colorado, because of its general scope:

Our friend and former host at Denver, Sir Harper M. Oranhood, briefly notices in review the Proceedings of corresponding jurisdictions, with sample blocks from each. In his friendly notice of Montana, he asks us, "What is the something we can and should do, and how shall it be done?" What we had in mind were those matters in which two Grand Commanderries were in open conflict with the Grand Encampment. How to get the necessary legislation done at Triennial is a very urgent question. Would it be wise to call a special meeting of Grand Encampment? Do these great parades accomplish enough good to justify their continuance? Would it be a good thing to locate permanently in Washington, and if so, would it be wise to build a Templar cathedral for simply meeting once in three years? There are several others that we might name, but these are some of the most obvious of present interest. We shall always cherish the memory of the pleasant week spent in Denver in 1892, and for ourselves declare that these great gatherings have a pleasure and advantages that we would not like to see altogether lost.

His conclusion is excellent, but too long for quotation.

We are glad to note the fact that Brother Hedges was elected Grand Commander.

Sir Cornelius Hedges, Grand Commander.

Sir Edward D. Neill, Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—1896.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The year last past has not been a period marked by a phenomenal growth of the membership of our Order. Financial depression has been visited upon our land, and this jurisdiction has keenly felt its effects. Business of every kind has suffered from the light crops which followed upon the heels of the failures of 1894. Perplexities have come into the lives of our countrymen as never before, and the people of this state have been compelled to bear their share of the burdens caused by this depression. Such conditions are not favorable for a rapidly growing membership. But, Sir Knights, these conditions are the fertile soil out of which bloom and blossom the flower of genuine, true-hearted Knighthood. We turn away gladly from these material discouragements, and fix our eyes upon the hearts of men. Trials which

are common to all arouse the deepest sympathies of our nature, and weld into a more perfect bond the chain of our fraternal fellowship. Thus it is that the primary principles which prompted our Order are brought into greater prominence, and made, as never before, the ruling motives of our lives. Material conditions are transient, and the cloud of our adversity will soon lift its gloom. The standard of Knight Templary, however, will surely have been elevated and the character of Knighthood will have attained greater excellence by this experience.

Very full detail reports are made by Inspectors.
The following is undoubtedly correct:

In reply to query, I decided there was no Templar law requiring a Commandery to charge an admission fee for affiliation; and, as a rule, no such fee should be charged.

There is no Report on Correspondence.
Sir Richard P. R. Miller, Grand Commander.
Sir William R. Bowen, reëlected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1896.

We quote from the opening of the Grand Commander's address:

Our nation has been at peace, our country has weathered financial stress and storm, and the commercial skies are brighter; and our own commonwealth, while feeling the pressure of the times, has had less of disaster and prostration than many have feared. These are times of peril and anxiety, and it is necessary that every man's heart should be right, every man's head be cool, every man's hand be strong. At such great crises in human affairs the characteristic feature and quality of Masonry is of a value beyond our powers of calculation. It is that firm but elastic bond of brotherhood which binds men together in love, while it leaves every one absolutely free to consider and determine the great questions of the world's debate upon their merits, as they appear and appeal to him. The principles upon which government shall be conducted and the social order established are determined by scientific discussions, political contest, or even arbitrament of war, without break or strain to the chain of brotherly love which with love's unreason binds in love the hearts of men who are ready to surrender their lives upon opposite sides of a great contention. This is the mystery and marvel of Masonry. And we add to this the tremendous sanctions of the Christian religion upon which this our vallant and magnanimous Order is founded. True men are they who are moulded by this power, and the ideal Knight Templar is a mirror of Christian chivalry. Few there are who attain to this glorious measure,

but the ideal is there, and it is a great thing, even to the least of the men who have received our Orders, to have such an ideal always before them. And I believe it is also a great thing for the country. Differ as you please, Sir Knight, in politics and religion, but have some politics and some religion and foster them in the soul of a Knight Templar.

There have been some differences of opinion in regard to questions concerning our own affairs, but they have been settled and disposed of in a noble and conciliatory spirit, and there is harmony to-day throughout our jurisdiction. I cordially congratulate you upon this state of affairs.

We are glad to note the following:

In accordance with the resolution adopted last year, almost all, if not all, of the Commanderies have provided themselves with the regulation regimental United States flag, and with a beauseant of like proportions and mounting.

Sir Knight Wait makes his seventh Annual Report on Correspondence. We quote from his conclusion:

A survey of the field of Templar Masonry presents the Order in the enjoyment of that universal harmony which is pleasant to behold among men.

Sir John Hatch, Grand Commander.

Sir George P. Cleaves, reflected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1896.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

Fraters, we are to be congratulated on the harmony that prevails in our Commanderies. Not a single question has been asked during the year requiring a decision on Templar law, thus clearly showing that the principles of our Order must be firmly planted in the hearts of our Sir Knights. The annual returns show that our Subordinate Commanderies are in a prosperous condition, and while the gains in membership may not be large, yet it is a sure and healthy growth, adding such only to our ranks as will fully exemplify in their lives the beautiful lessons and truths of our Ritual.

The Grand Commander, very properly, as shown by the correspondence, arrested the charter of a Subordinate Commandery for contumacious conduct. The committee reported on his action:

After listening to the comprehensive and searching address of the R. E. Grand Commander regarding the contumacious Commandery, it seems superfluous to add more than to approve his recommendation that the Warrant be declared forfeited. But happily not all the members of this defunct Commandery foolishly follow the lead of those who have wrought this wrong. These faithful ones belong to us, and we hope they will raise their fallen standard and resume their places in our ranks as worthy and obedient Templars. The committee feel that it is futile to attempt to reform defiant violators of solemn vows, and that extreme measures should be taken with the guilty, and an end put to this farce, so that it shall not come up again.

Grand Recorder Bechtel, assisted by Sir Peter McGill, makes the Report on Correspondence.

We note with approval under Connecticut:

We can not agree with Grand Inspector Spencer that well-rendered vocal music or stereopticon views detract the attention of the candidates from the lessons inculcated by the Order, but we endorse his objections to a woman's choir in an adjoining room. At the present time they have no part nor place in Knight Templar Asylums.

We quote from the conclusion:

The various Proceedings mentioned in this report show marked prosperity in the different sections of the country. Templar Masonry has never been more prosperous, never exerted a greater influence for good, than at the present time.

Already some Grand Commanderies have appointed committees to make preparations for the next Triennial Conclave, at Pittsburgh, Pa., and there is no doubt that a large number of Templars will attend. There should be some rule adopted that would prevent these large gatherings from interfering with the business of the Grand Encampment. We make this suggestion to the wiser heads of the Grand Encampment, in order that they may devise some means by which business could be transacted.

A very difficult thing to do. We have talked about it, and tried, too, to help devise some means by which the business could be transacted, but it does not work.

Sir Robert Dingwell, Grand Commander.

Sir Charles Bechtel, reelected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1896.

The Grand Commander reports but one decision, and that not of general interest. He explains:

I am very glad to be able to report but one decision during this year. Since the publication of our Templar Hand Book, containing as it does the laws of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery complete and convenient, there does not seem to be much for a Grand Commander to decide upon, and I congratulate the Commanders who have served under my administration in not requiring my assistance in interpreting the law. It is evidence that they are fully qualified to discharge the duties appertaining to their office.

We quote the following:

By reference to the report of the Grand Recorder, you will see that notwithstanding the past year has been one of unusual depression in a business and financial aspect, we have increased our membership very materially, and I am happy to state that our membership, May 31, was 11,037 Knights in good standing, having created during the year 780. The continued prosperity of our Grand Commandery is due and owing entirely to the efforts and loyalty of its Subordinate Commanderies, and I congratulate you on the success attending your efforts.

And the Grand Recorder says:

Returns have been received from all of the Subordinate Commanderies, and while the growth of the Order is not abnormal, it at least shows evidences of great interest and vitality in our membership.

The Committee on the Grand Commander's address devote considerable space to the right of representation in the Grand Encampment. They contend the rule of the House of Representatives should prevail, rather than that of the Senate of the United States. The present law is that of every Grand Commandery, so far as we know, and is strictly according to the fundamental law and principles governing representation in all Grand Masonic bodies. We quote from the report:

Having failed to obtain what would seem to be the right of every Grand Commandery, viz.: a voting power proportionate to its numerical standing, we claim it to be a fair inference that the majority hold that all Grand Commanderies are to be considered as equal in the councils and legislation of the Grand Encampment. Such being the principle established, we believe that it

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should be carried further, and apply with the same strictness to the taxation on the several Grand Commanderies for the maintenance of the Grand Encampment. To be consistent, the Grand Encampment should adopt the plan already in practice in another grand body, and require each Grand Commandery to pay as an annual tax a specific sum, equal to each Grand Commandery. This would be in harmony with the principle governing the present plan of representation. The tenacity with which the Grand Encampment clings to some of the old methods does not, in the judgment of your committee, promise any great measure of success in an amendment of the character suggested.

Sometimes a little too much conservatism may be about right, especially when it pertains to the fundamental law of the Order.

Sir Knight Jesse B. Anthony again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is in his usual able and full style. Among other things he says:

The tidings from the several camps are of the most encouraging character, and the reputation of the Order to-day is of a more elevated character than ever before.

Sir John A. Mapes, Grand Commander.

Sir John F. Shafer, reëlected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1896.

The Grand Commander visited a part of the Commanderies and expresses an intention to visit the others:

I propose to visit all of the others, hoping that my presence among them as Grand Commander might incite them to increased zeal, for I firmly believed, and do still believe, that all that is needed to double the number of Knights Templar in North Carolina is enthusiasm on the part of the individual members of the Order.

Sir John C. Chase again makes the Report on Correspondence.

Colorado receives very full and kindly notice. His report is almost wholly written, few quotations appearing. We quote him on life membership:

Reviewing Kentucky, he expresses the opinion that where life membership in a Commandery has been acquired by compliance with regulations existing at the time, the member can

not be deprived of this vested right by subsequent legislation, or adverse decision in regard to the law under which the membership was acquired. We train in his company on this question.

And from his conclusion:

The end of our reportorial journey is reached, the last volume of Proceedings is laid upon the shelf, and, like the tired school boy, we look forward with pleasure to the coming vacation. We hastily bid adieu to our brother reviewers. Shall we all meet again in print another year? *Quien sabe!* We are sure that many of them will regret to learn of the death of our predecessor in this work, Sir Knight George W. Blount, who passed away on November 29, after a long period of ill health. "His death was untimely, and his brethren mourn."

Sir William B. Withers, Grand Commander.

Sir Horace H. Munson, reëlected Grand Recorder.

NORTH DAKOTA—1896.

From the Grand Commander's address we infer the year was a reasonably successful one. The Grand Recorder in his report so informs us:

Doubtless you are anxious to know how Templarism has prospered during the past year in our Grand Jurisdiction. While no great prosperity has been the lot of our Grand Commandery, yet the growth has been healthy and substantial. Last year forty-seven were Knighted; this year, thirty-one. Last year our admissions were four; this year, eight. Last year our total increase was thirty-seven; this year, twenty-five. Last year our total membership was 402; this year, 427. The prosperity of Knight Templarism throughout the state, on the whole, has been fair. Stagnation of business seems always to affect this branch of the Masonic system more than that of the Lodge or Chapter.

The Committee on Inspection report:

That the report of the Grand Commander shows that the several Subordinate Commanderies are proficient in the work and are all well versed in the tactics, a showing highly gratifying to this committee, and undoubtedly to the Grand Commandery. We sincerely hope that the same interest may be continued.

Sir William T. Perkins, Grand Commander.

Sir Alexander C. Mather, Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1896.

This Annual Conclave was held at Dayton, and several pages are devoted to an account of the reception, march and escort, decorations and other like interesting matters outside of legislation, all showing that the social feature was not neglected.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

We are to be congratulated that peace and harmony have prevailed in this Grand Jurisdiction. No dissensions have arisen among our subordinates, nor discord among the members thereof, sufficient to seriously disturb the even tenor of our onward progress. While I may report no official acts of importance, I trust you may deem the year a prosperous one, and the officers worthy of some credit for the prevailing peace, and absence of internal dissensions.

Speaking of the statistics, he says:

While this increase may seem small, yet the depressed state of business and the financial condition of the country would, I think, account for a more limited increase than even the above. That we have increased rather than decreased is a subject of congratulation. Of our Subordinates, thirty-two have increased in numbers, seventeen have decreased, and five have remained stationary.

We quote from what he says about inspections:

The benefit to be derived from inspections can not but be admitted by us all. The fact that a Commandery is to be visited by an inspecting officer induces special efforts on the part of those in office in our Subordinate bodies. Each will endeavor to further perfect himself in the rendition of his work; the records and finances will be more closely kept and observed by the proper officers, and more attention given by the Sir Knights to the floor work in conferring of the Orders and the opening of the Commandery. Ambition to appear well before the inspecting officer will call for close following of detail which would otherwise be neglected, because no particular incentive existed for same. Close attention to the minutest details makes a perfect whole, and thus renders the ceremonies more impressive to the candidate and the meetings more interesting to the members.

Sir Knight Carson again makes a full Report on Correspondence. We quote from his conclusion:

We are opposed to any and all kinds of Androgynal Freemasonry; that is, to *secret* societies admitting males and females,

assuming in any degree a Masonic character or name. We have no objection whatever to female *secret* organizations, even if they take to themselves a Masonic name, if they will only confine membership in their society to their own sex, *absolutely* excluding men from their *secret assemblies*.

While we do not agree with him in either of the following propositions, we give his side of it:

We still write "Foreign Correspondence," much to the nervous irritability of some of our conferree correspondents—especially our venerable Brother Woodruff, of Kentucky. As we have said before, we are simply following copy. The Grand Commandery of Ohio says, "Committee on Foreign Correspondence." We like it; besides we think it is most appropriate.

"We still write "Knights Templars." We have never entered into the discussion of this question as to the grammatical use of these words; we make no pretensions in that line. We have been and we are still satisfied to use the words as they were used by such writers as are accepted as authorities in English literature. If they used bad grammar, we are not ashamed to follow them. We believe that some cross-roads rural rooster pedagogue had the honor (?) of discovering that the use of the words "Knights Templars" was bad grammar. This was hard on Addison, Gibbon, Macauley, Scott, etc. However, their writings are still tolerated, and are regarded by many as being in fairly grammatical English. We shall continue to shade ourselves behind them.

Sir Barton Smith, Grand Commander.

Sir John N. Bell, reëlected Grand Recorder.

OKLAHOMA—1896.

Another new Commandery, organized February 10, 1896. After the usual preliminary proceedings, Sir Knight Cassius M. Barnes was elected Grand Commander, with other officers, and all were duly installed. We quote the Grand Commander's address:

We are to-day to organize and institute a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the territory of Oklahoma, the home of our adoption. We feel that we have served our full term of pilgrimage, and now seek to be admitted to all the honors and rewards that await those who have endured the trials and hardships of several years of orphanage. Without a Grand Commandery each separate Commandery feels like an orphan, and we now propose to lay the cope stone, and to complete and perfect the organization of Templar Masonry in Oklahoma. And it is to advance the welfare of each of our Fraters

in this territory, and to spread more far and wide among good people the well-earned fame of our beloved Order, that we meet to-day to institute a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

We start with three separate Commanderies, all of which are fully represented here to-day, and under a legal warrant and dispensation; and though we are very young and are not strong in numbers, yet we are assured of the hearty coöperation and support of thousands of our Fraters all over this broad land in our efforts to display, support and protect the banners of Templar Masonry.

Masonry in Oklahoma will now be thoroughly organized. With a Grand Lodge, a Grand Chapter and a Grand Commandery, with the Subordinate Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies, it will henceforth be an important factor in molding the character of our people, and influential in establishing a state founded upon the eternal principles of truth and justice. In my judgment, Templar Masonry has already been the means of accomplishing more good feeling, more harmony of sentiment, more lasting and valuable attachments of individuals, one to another, than any other one thing in Oklahoma, and it is the mission of the Grand Commandery to strengthen these bonds of attachment where they now exist, and to enlarge and extend them to all parts of the territory.

A full Code was adopted.

We extend most cordial greeting to our new sister Grand Commandery. May their utmost expectations be realized.

Sir Cassius M. Barnes, Grand Commander.

Sir Harper S. Cunningham, Grand Recorder.

OREGON—1896.

The Grand Commander says:

Once more we come together in peace and harmony to exchange our Knightly greetings, and the better know each other. I am pleased to bring you the assurance of continued prosperity and Knightly love which aboundeth within this Templar jurisdiction.

There was a drill and presentation of a prize banner, with speeches and responses.

Sir J. M. Hodson makes the Report on Correspondence. We give his opening:

We have carefully examined the proceedings of all the Grand Jurisdictions so far as we have been able to secure them.

A very few have not come our way, hence, are omitted. We present you with our gleanings, hoping they may both interest and instruct each Frater who may do us the honor of perusing our report. It is a work at once laborious and interesting, carrying with it largely its own reward, and we are glad to report that the most perfect harmony exists throughout the Templar world, and prosperity beyond what might have been reasonably expected has attended the Orders for the past year.

In reviewing Colorado he gives Grand Commander Rowan's decision:

A dimitted Knight Templar has the right to apply for membership wherever he may elect.

And then asks:

A pretty broad platform. Suppose he resides in Colorado—does he think it would be all right to apply for membership in Oregon?

Yes, we suppose it would be all right, if the applicant so desired. But he might have some trouble to get in. After all, it is usually a matter of preference and acquaintance, and the applicant for affiliation usually petitions where he is best known and acquainted.

After giving a list of the jurisdictions reported, he says:

And from each comes the cheering intelligence that the Orders are prosperous. More than 100,000 Sir Knights kneel at our altars, pledging their mystic swords to defend the right and to avenge the wrong. Our report is the condensed news from the Templar world, not so elaborate or perfect as we could desire, but made in the hope of inspiring every reader with higher aims and increasing our influence for the betterment of the world. The history of our past records, the lives of those who have labored in the field for the development of the best principles, and the history of the present and future will record our lives and acts. Let each see to it for himself that this record is for the deeper impress of the principles we profess.

Sir Robert S. Bean, Grand Commander.

Sir James F. Robinson, reëlected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1896.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The healthy growth of many years has caused this body to assume the fairest proportions and the most enduring vitality. It retains all the freshness of youth and all the vigor of mature age. The past year presents no exception to the honorable career which has always distinguished it. Harmonious coöperation on the part of the officers and members of the Order and zealous devotion to the principles it represents, have characterized all our transactions.

Armenia is properly noticed.

The following is correct:

Whereas, It is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the American flag is an appropriate emblem to be borne by Knights Templar of the United States in parade; therefore,

Resolved, That permission be given Subordinate Commanderies, in any parade which they may lawfully make, to carry a silk flag of our country of authentic design and such size as the R. E. Grand Commander may designate, and that any rule or regulation of this jurisdiction to the contrary thereof be and is hereby repealed.

We notice particularly the following:

On motion the R. E. Grand Commander was directed to send to Past Grand Commander Joseph S. Wright, who is ill at Denver, the following message:

"Joseph S. Wright, Past Grand Commander, Denver, Colo.:

"The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, assembled in Forty-third Annual Conclave, cordially greets you with Knightly love and earnest wishes for heaven's blessings upon you."

And Brother Wright's reply:

Denver, Colo., May 27, 1896.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar:

Thanks for your kind expression of consolation and comfort. God bless and prosper our Grand Body and the members I love so much.

JOSEPH S. WRIGHT,
Past Grand Commander.

Committees were appointed and preparations begun, or rather continued, for the coming Triennial at Pittsburgh.

Sir Lee S. Smith again makes the Report on Correspondence. We give a part of a quotation he gives from

a paper by Wm. J. Duncan, Grand Librarian, New York, on Correspondence Reports:

These publications are the histories of the Craft in all of its doings. They portray in the most striking manner the labors of love and acts of charity which make the Institution of Freemasonry so honored and so important a factor in the beneficent works of man. They present a mass of information respecting the efforts of the Fraternity to elevate the race of mankind, to be found nowhere else. Their pages are beautiful with the profoundest thoughts of brilliant minds, sparkle with gems dug from the rich mines of Masonic truth, and are polished by some of the brightest intellects of the world. No one can read the Reports on Correspondence without being impressed with the grandness, the universality and the wonderful influence of Freemasonry. The regret is that these productions, the result of careful study, deep thought and patient research, are not more universally read. They present in a concise form of word painting the Institution as it exists in the world to-day. Every tongue in the civilized world contributes its share, and every phase of thought, tending to elucidate the great moral teachings of the Craft, are found clearly and logically discussed and graphically presented.

Sir Samuel S. Yohe, Grand Commander.

Sir Mont. H. Smith, reelected Grand Recorder.

Since this report was written, the following circular has been issued. Escort duty of this kind is quite common with us; but there was the largest attendance on this occasion we have ever had:

IN MEMORIAM.

Joseph S. Wright, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, died in Denver, Wednesday, May 26, 1897, at 2 p. m. Colorado Commandery No. 1, and Denver Commandery No. 25, have been requested to escort his remains to the Union Depot, where an escort from his Commandery will take charge of the remains and convey them to his Philadelphia home for burial.

Our deceased Frater was one of the most prominent Masons in the United States, and was especially beloved by the whole Fraternity of his own state.

By reason of his prominence as a Mason, as a man of business and as a citizen, and in token of our love and esteem and veneration for his character, and in respect to the jurisdiction of his state, every Knight Templar who can do so is asked to help form the escort. This Knightly duty will probably occur Sunday evening. Exact time of same will be announced at Ascension services Sunday morning.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1896.

The Grand Commander, in his address, reports:

We have to-day good cause to be grateful to the Giver of every good gift, for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us in the year now closing. In the midst of the greatest depressions many of us have ever seen in the business world, the burden has been less severe upon us than upon many of our sister jurisdictions.

We quote a decision with approval:

The Grand Commander has no authority to grant a dispensation to a Commandery permitting it to receive a petition for the Orders at other than a Stated Conclave.

We have a new correspondent. Sir Samuel H. Jumper makes the report. It is good, and his part better than he says of it:

We have made no attempt to decide any point or criticise any decision or take part in any discussion. We have used the scissors freely, putting in here and there a few of those beautiful gems of thought which we have found all along the pages of the proceedings.

Sir James J. Casselman, Grand Commander.

Sir George A. Pettigrew, reelected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1896.

We notice the usual preliminary proceedings:

Previous to the opening, the officers and members of the Grand Commandery assembled at the headquarters of the Grand Commander. Carriages were provided for their conveyance, and they were escorted thence by Jackson Commandery No. 13, and visiting Commanderies, through the principal streets of the city, to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The usual devotional services were then observed, and on this occasion, it being Ascension Day, were rendered unusually impressive by the magnificent music with which they were accompanied, by the presence and reverent participation of a large and deeply interested audience, and by the eloquent and impressive words of the annual sermon delivered by Sir and Rev. William A. Freeman, Grand Prelate.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The past Templar year has been a continuation of the period of waiting for better times, begun three years ago; and, while a high standard of qualification for membership has been maintained throughout our jurisdiction, and I have only to refer you to the several reports of our Grand Visitors to prove the moral strength of our Commanderies, in point of numbers we have barely held our own. This period of waiting has not been without its advantages. There is a strength that is born of waiting that is more stable than that of rapid, pushing progress, and I feel that this strength is ours, and that when the dawn of a new era of prosperity, already brightening the Eastern sky, becomes bright day, that we shall resume our forward movement with tried and tested columns.

The Widows' and Orphans' Home claimed attention:

This subject demands our serious attention, not only as the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, but as individual Knights of the Order of the Temple. This institution now has under its fostering care eighty-three orphans and seventeen widows of deceased brethren, and has on file forty-three applications for admission; these can not be accommodated until an additional wing is added to the building. Do we not owe it to ourselves, to our Knightly vows, to uphold in every way this noble undertaking?

We quote the following. Probably it is not necessary for us to say their adoption meets with our fullest approval:

1. The Grand Commandery of Tennessee declares the business of manufacturing for sale as a beverage, or selling spirituous or malt liquors as a beverage, to be contrary to the teachings of our Order, and that any Knight Templar engaging in said business, either as principal or employé, does so in wilful disregard of his duty and obligation as a Knight Templar.

2. Should there be a Knight Templar in this jurisdiction, either affiliated or unaffiliated, who is engaged in said business, it should be the duty of the Commandery to which he belongs, or within whose jurisdiction he resides, to issue notice at once requiring said Knight to discontinue said business within six months. If he shall fail to do so, the Commandery shall prefer charges, and upon conviction said Templar shall be suspended or expelled.

3. After the promulgation of these Statutes, should a member of any Commandery in the state of Tennessee, or any unaffiliated Templar in this jurisdiction, engage in said business as principal or employé, it shall be the duty of the Commandery to which he belongs, or under whose jurisdiction he may reside, to prefer charges against him, and upon conviction he shall be suspended or expelled.

4. It shall be the duty of Subordinate Commanderies to strictly enforce these Statutes, under the penalty of a forfeiture of charter.

We are pleased to give a report in full:

It is with pleasure that your Committee on Appeals and Grievances would respectfully report that no business has been referred to them for consideration.

There was a "between-times" reception, banquet, toasts, speeches and—well, the social feature was not neglected.

The Grand Recorder makes an excellent Report on Correspondence.

We quote from his conclusion a pathetic line of thought which has struck other reporters, and which we have quoted in substance in preceding pages. Here it is in full:

Well, our report is finished, "copy" is about to go to the printer, and we confess that the work is not at all satisfactory to this writer. But we are consoled by the remark of a kind but somewhat cynical friend, who says, "O, don't bother! nobody will read it anyhow." His remark is too true. Stipulating that the application shall be made to other reports than those of this writer, we have long wished to say, and we do now say, that the fact is to be greatly regretted that these Reports upon Correspondence, prepared by the patient thought and study of some of the most competent writers in America, are not more accessible to the entire membership of the Order, and more highly prized by them as of great value for the condensed information which they contain.

Many of those who receive copies turn the pages with indifference, and give but careless attention to that which has cost the writer many weary hours of reading, research and thought. We do not know the remedy, but hope for the best; and so commending our brethren, at home and abroad, to the loving care of Him who doeth all things well, we close.

Sir Robert W. Haynes, Grand Commander.

Sir Wilber F. Foster, reëlected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS—1896.

There was an elaborate reception, followed by exercises at the San Antonio Opera House, the addresses being given in full.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

We have great reason to rejoice in the prosperity of our Order. It is an organization which holds constantly before the world and urges constantly upon its members a high standard of Christian manhood. We rejoice to see so many young men just entering the great field of human activity, enrolling themselves under our banner. They will soon be called upon to take the place of the old soldiers who are dropping out, one by one.

A large number of official visits and inspections were made. Here is a typical report, leaving us to infer the particular things which were done:

I found the Commandery neatly fitted up in good rooms, with all the necessary paraphernalia for conferring the Orders as per Ritual. The Sir Knights are zealous and active, and will prosper as a Commandery. I was most cordially received and hospitably entertained. Everything was done to make my stay with the Sir Knights pleasant, for which I here wish to record my sincere thanks.

Brother Elgin again makes the Report on Correspondence:

The key-note is given in his conclusion:

In concluding our report, will say to our Brotherhood of the Mutuels that we hope that this report contains nothing harsh or discourteous. We are fond of discussion, but averse to controversy; a lover of wit, but opposed to sarcasm, and while we may sometimes have to differ with our friends, not unfrequently love those best with whom we least agree upon particular points. So, with good will and fraternal feelings to all, will close with the hope that we may all be spared to meet again in this arena next year.

Sir J. F. Brinkerhoff, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Brewster, reelected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1896.

The Grand Commander says:

The largely increased membership, with a continuance of peace and harmony in our Subordinate Commanderies and our happy relations with our sister jurisdictions, are subjects for sincere congratulations.

We give his conclusions from personal inspection:

The result of my observations from visiting and inspecting each Commandery in this jurisdiction, briefly stated, are as follows:

The highest degree of efficiency is found in those Commanderies where the strictest discipline is maintained and military bearing is enforced.

The memorizing of the Ritual being first thoroughly accomplished, which I have found in most Commanderies, I would strongly recommend and urge upon each Eminent Commander the great importance of more frequent drills; and don't be afraid of being called a martinet, because you exact strict discipline while the Commandery is at work in its Asylum as well as when on duty in public.

To the members of our Subordinate Commanderies, I would appeal to for a larger attendance on your regular stated Conclaves. It is a duty you owe to yourselves and your officers, even if it requires the overcoming of inertia, or, at times, a sacrifice of personal comfort.

We quote from the Grand Recorder's report:

In making my Eleventh Annual Report of the doings of this office, I again have the pleasure of announcing a prosperous year in this Templar jurisdiction, there having been ninety-three Sir Knights created during the year, a number only exceeded twice in the history of this Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Haskins again makes the Report on Correspondence. We quote his opening:

Our Order is not local, but is as widespread as the universe, and every loyal Templar has an interest to know of its prosperity and standing in sister jurisdictions. The Proceedings of other Grand Bodies can not be reproduced as a whole, but it is the aim of the "Templar Guild," after a careful reading of the several Proceedings, to embody in their correspondence the more interesting and important matters that have occurred in other Grand Jurisdictions during the year of which they write. The past year has been one of unusual peace and prosperity throughout the Templar world, for all which we have cause to be exceedingly thankful.

And the following in reviewing Colorado:

We rejoice that most of the questions over which there has been in the past apparently much unseemly contention have been permanently settled. We can now devote ourselves mainly to laying before our readers the principal and most interesting sayings, acts and doings of our sister Grand Commanderies.

From his closing we quote:

Sometimes it has been hard to make a selection of that most pertinent and proper to reproduce, it was all so good. We have also endeavored to abstain from any unseemly criticism and contention in what we felt it our duty to write. We learn something new of Masonry every year, and the more we learn the better we love it and all the brethren. There are too many dark shadows, too much of grief and sorrow in the world in which we live, without any attempt on our part to add to it.

Sir Robert J. Wright, Grand Commander.

Sir Warren G. Reynolds, reelected Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1896.

We note with pleasure the following in the Grand Commander's address:

I congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of our Order. Its numbers continue to increase, and its ranks are filled with valliant Knights. Our trumpets sound in unison, and harmony prevalls throughout our jurisdiction.

The Committee on Education at the Masonic Home make a report, showing a large amount of work done.

All the Commanderies were inspected and full reports made, fully supporting the statement of the Grand Commander.

Sir E. H. Miller, Grand Commander.

Sir James B. Blanks, reelected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON—1896.

The Grand Commander says:

The increase of membership the past year has been slight indeed; no work of consequence outside our large cities. The reports show that fifty have received the Orders and but thirteen

affiliations. Hard times seem to be the general reason or excuse given.

And the following:

It is with genuine thrills of pleasure that we notice that Americans are evincing their patriotism and loyalty by the more general use of our national flag. Let the good work go on; it is a glorious tribute to true Americanism. To-day who could but be thrilled with admiration to see at the head of our column the flag that is dear to every American heart. I trust and would recommend that every Commandery in this jurisdiction procure, as soon as possible, the American flag as a part of its equipment.

The Grand Recorder makes the Report on Correspondence. It is his fifth report. It is full and complete.

Sir George E. Dickson, Grand Commander.

Sir Yancey C. Blalock, reelected Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA—1896.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

This has indeed been a most memorable year in the history of Templary throughout the entire length and breadth of this great country. The Twenty-sixth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held in Boston, proved to be a veritable Mecca for the one hundred and ten thousand Templars under its jurisdiction.

In 1816, when this Grand Body was formed, there were only eight Commanderies; only 500 Knights Templar in the United States. Now there is a membership of 110,000—forty-two Grand Commanderies, having under their immediate jurisdiction 950 Subordinate Commanderies. Besides these there are thirty Subordinate Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

And the following:

Most gratifying reports have been received from most of the several Commanderies. Large numbers have been added to the rolls, and, notwithstanding the continued business depression of the country, I am pleased to congratulate the Order that peace, tranquility and prosperity are assured throughout our jurisdiction.

Sir Albert B. White makes a very full Report on Correspondence. Colorado receives full notice.

We quote a paragraph from his conclusion:

The year of 1895 was one of peace and progress in our beloved Order, despite the hard times—the stimulating effect of the Triennial more than offsetting the unfavorable monetary conditions.

Sir John C. Riheldaffer, Grand Commander.

Sir Robert C. Dunnington, reëlected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1896.

The Grand Commander in his address says:

The year, although not a remarkable one in any way, has its own history, in which, side by side with the record of pleasant events, we find also the sad ones.

In refusing a dispensation to ballot upon a petition for the Orders at a Special Conclave, he decided, as have several other Grand Commanders:

My understanding of the different rulings is this: All proceedings pertaining to petitions previous to the balloting are subject to dispensation, but the ballot can not be taken at a special meeting.

The Grand Recorder reports:

I have the honor to report that Templar affairs, so far as the office of Grand Recorder is concerned, have been serene and peaceful during the year just ended.

The new Asylum of Wisconsin Commandery was dedicated. The ceremony was followed by appropriate proceedings:

The reception, banquet and ball which followed was an elaborate affair. The entire building above the second floor was thrown open to the guests, who filled the spacious apartments, and were profuse in expressions of admiration and praise of the convenience and beauty of the new Masonic building. Fully 500 Knights Templar were present at the festivities, and considerably more than that number of ladies.

Sir Wm. C. Swain makes a full and interesting Report on Correspondence. It is his fourteenth. In reviewing Colorado, he approves one decision:

One sound decision, that a dimitted Knight Templar has the right to apply for membership wherever he sees fit.

We quote:

Brother Carson's proposition to permanently locate the Grand Encampment in Washington, and build for it a temple, was printed, but no action taken. We heartily favor the proposition—in fact, suggested it in the first report we had the honor to make.

Sir Edmond C. Deane, Grand Commander.

Sir John W. Laffin, reëlected Grand Recorder.

WYOMING—1896.

The Grand Commander in his address reports:

The year that has just ended has been one of tranquillity in our jurisdiction, and the labors of your Grand Commander have been light, on account of the true knightly spirit manifested by the members of the Order. I am pleased to say that I have not been called upon to decide any questions pertaining to Templar law during the year, which speaks most highly of the harmony existing in the Order in the state.

The Grand Recorder says:

As will be seen, the condition of the Order in the jurisdiction is excellent, and for that all the faithful feel gratified.

Sir Adrian J. Parshall, Grand Commander.

Sir John C. Baird reëlected Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERIES	Subordinates	Members	Knighted	Affiliated	Re-instated	Dimitted	Suspended and dropped	Expelled	Deceased	Our Last Report
Alabama, May 8, 1895.....	10	376	33	7	4	8	18	0	9	968
Arizona, Nov. 13, 1895.....	3	114	14	2	0	0	3	0	2	103
Arkansas, April 21, 1896.....	13	510	36	4	4	15	31	1	12	545
California, April 23, 1896.....	37	2,941	141	94	5	47	62	0	65	2,887
Colorado, June 2, 1896.....	24	1,651	74	25	9	42	36	1	26	1,648
Connecticut, March 17, 1896.....	11	2,248	161	4	1	6	17	1	46	2,214
Dist. of Col., May 11, 1896.....	5	1,595	124	17	9	43	17	0	14	.....
Georgia, April 15, 1896.....	10	692	50	4	3	16	20	0	12	679
Illinois, October 22, 1895.....	65	9,395	598	82	36	221	145	0	123	9,109
Indiana, April 15, 1896.....	37	3,493	209	41	11	68	43	1	50	3,394
Indian Ter., Dec. 27, 1895.....	3	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa, July 14, 1896.....	56	4,343	302	67	28	114	127	1	41	4,173
Kansas, May 12, 1896.....	44	3,247	236	34	10	154	58	3	36	3,176
Kentucky, May 27, 1896.....	25	1,931	145	26	11	55	48	2	38	1,913
Louisiana, Feb. 14, 1896.....	4	328	28	3	3	2	1	0	7	311
Maine, May 7, 1896.....	19	3,067	256	21	4	30	39	0	49	2,904
Maryland, Nov. 26, 1895.....	12	1,087	100	37	3	31	15	0	16	997
Mass., & R. I., Oct. 31, 1895.....	45	11,499	1338	79	14	105	44	3	163	10,384
Michigan, May 20, 1896.....	44	5,457	255	35	8	80	69	3	62	5,373
Minnesota, June 24, 1896.....	25	2,411	152	55	8	75	35	2	36	2,335
Mississippi, Feb. 18, 1896.....	12	441	34	3	5	4	12	1	10	430
Missouri, April 21, 1896.....	57	4,234	332	135	15	92	85	0	48	4,080
Montana, Oct. 8, 1895.....	8	324	15	2	2	9	22	0	3	337
Nebraska, April 23, 1895.....	23	1,956	81	34	6	44	57	1	19	1,856
New Hamp., Sept. 24, 1895.....	10	1,993	194	29	1	45	4	0	33	1,853
New Jersey, May 12, 1896.....	16	1,736	165	11	0	19	26	0	25	1,681
New York, Sept. 10, 1895.....	58	10,710	857	80	50	120	382	5	158	10,420
N. Carolina, May 13, 1896.....	11	347	20	2	0	7	8	0	7	362
N. Dakota, June 2, 1896.....	7	427	31	8	1	10	1	0	4	406
Ohio, October 2, 1895.....	54	7,914	586	184	46	208	133	6	121	7,596
Oregon, October 10, 1895.....	6	404	32	7	0	6	2	0	10	393
Pennsylvania, May 28, 1895.....	73	10,943	660	151	0	144	185	4	129	10,594
S. Dakota, June 12, 1896.....	11	650	56	7	4	38	59	0	8	793
Tennessee, May 14, 1896.....	15	1,090	62	16	12	20	27	0	18	1,065
Texas, April 22, 1896.....	31	2,129	164	30	11	67	55	2	32	2,080
Vermont, June 9, 1896.....	10	1,458	93	11	0	21	3	0	17	1,396
Virginia, Nov. 14, 1895.....	20	1,457	135	22	7	39	26	1	24	1,365
Washington, June 7, 1895.....	9	585	20	8	3	12	8	2	7	584
W. Virginia, May 13, 1896.....	11	878	123	4	1	9	12	0	10	781
Wisconsin, Oct. 8, 1895.....	26	2,848	201	42	5	58	31	0	28	2,724
Wyoming, May 20, 1896.....	5	262	25	2	1	9	1	0	5	253
G. En. Subordinates, 1895.....	27	1,502	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,653
Total in U. S., 1896.....	902	110,526	5,139	1,425	341	2,093	1,967	40	1,515	105,922
Canada, Aug. 23, 1896.....	33	1,268	159	9	4	35	24	0	18	1,273
England and Wales, 1896.....	120	3,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000
Ireland, 1896.....	42	1,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300
Scotland, 1896.....	21	525	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	525
Victoria, Australia, 1895.....	4	76	12	76
Total in World, 1896.....	1,212	117,095	112,096

COMPARISON TABLE.

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GRAND COMMANDERY	Standing according to membership	Sub-Commanderies			Percentage of work for past year	Percentage of net gain for past year	Proportion of Knights Templar to Master Masons. One to—	Percentage of Knights Templar to R. A. Masons	Field Standing
		Maximum	Minimum	Average					
Alabama	35	122	15	37	.08.96	-----	30.14	86.54	11
Arkansas	31	104	16	42	.06.86	-----	27.13	24.88	24
Arizona	41	50	30	38	.13.59	.10.68	4.41	60.43	2
California	11	311	18	82	.04.69	.02.01	5.96	57.44	85
Colorado	21	430	23	69	.04.49	-----	4.23	64.60	38
Connecticut	15	518	56	209	.07.45	.04.50	7.24	53.65	22
Dist. of Columbia	23	588	77	313	.06.33	.05.18	8.06	78.13	15
Florida	40	69	21	36	-----	-----	21.20	86.70	23
Georgia	29	169	21	69	.07.32	-----	24.33	22.52	33
Illinois	4	690	42	144	.06.56	.02.48	5.42	57.00	28
Indiana	9	169	39	95	.06.15	.02.91	7.87	53.91	31
Indian Territory	42	49	22	31	-----	-----	27.61	16.00	33
Iowa	8	225	27	77	.05.78	.01.38	6.25	59.22	17
Kansas	10	262	27	74	.08.25	.02.23	5.90	64.56	21
Kentucky	18	335	18	77	.07.58	-----	9.32	68.33	10
Louisiana	37	152	22	82	.09.18	.07.54	16.29	35.10	14
Maine	12	371	47	153	.08.36	.05.44	7.51	50.82	8
Maryland	26	265	19	91	.10.03	.09.23	6.35	65.41	3
Massachusetts and R. Island	1	884	78	355	.12.95	.10.76	3.53	70.46	37
Michigan	6	422	38	126	.04.74	.01.57	6.91	44.23	27
Minnesota	14	390	39	96	.06.59	.03.30	6.25	52.24	18
Mississippi	32	67	9	37	.08.21	.03.62	19.94	81.06	13
Missouri	7	401	21	74	.08.37	.06.73	7.26	65.29	39
Montana	38	89	14	40	.04.15	-----	7.69	48.87	36
Nebraska	20	180	29	72	.04.89	-----	6.94	57.00	5
New Hampshire	17	297	116	199	.10.47	.07.55	4.43	61.88	6
New Jersey	19	247	24	108	.10.18	.07.29	9.04	54.79	16
New York	3	526	23	135	.08.25	.03.10	8.27	55.20	34
North Carolina	36	49	13	31	.05.75	-----	28.98	45.36	4
North Dakota	33	124	27	58	.12.74	.10.03	5.69	53.00	20
Ohio	5	465	57	146	.07.75	.04.60	5.04	57.49	12
Oregon	34	161	25	67	.08.61	.05.48	11.86	32.63	30
Pennsylvania	2	666	20	150	.06.28	.03.29	4.43	70.69	25
South Dakota	28	166	22	70	.06.82	-----	5.54	50.23	82
Tennessee	25	166	15	73	.05.82	.02.35	16.30	40.60	19
Texas	16	191	22	66	.07.88	.02.35	12.61	34.91	26
Vermont	23	224	82	146	.06.66	.04.44	6.53	55.02	9
Virginia	24	192	15	69	.09.76	.05.35	8.88	60.53	40
Washington	30	151	20	65	.03.43	-----	8.48	51.27	1
West Virginia	27	170	26	80	.15.74	.12.42	6.34	78.74	29
Wisconsin	18	287	47	104	.06.29	.03.11	5.88	49.44	7
Wyoming	39	94	27	52	.10.06	.05.64	3.80	100.00	

MEMBERSHIP—MASONIC GRADES.

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	LODGE	CHAPTER	COMMAN- DERY
Alabama.....	11,335	1,029	376
Arizona.....	503	187	114
Arkansas.....	13,657	2,050	510
California.....	17,431	5,132	2,941
Colorado.....	7,023	2,556	1,651
Connecticut.....	16,632	5,215	2,298
Delaware.....	2,039	563	361
District of Columbia.....	4,791	2,140	1,565
Florida.....	4,622	594	218
Georgia.....	16,638	3,073	692
Idaho.....	1,084	293	158
Illinois.....	50,727	16,414	9,355
Indiana.....	27,507	6,479	3,498
Indian Territory.....	2,568	531	93
Iowa.....	26,103	7,046	4,173
Kansas.....	19,185	5,029	3,247
Kentucky.....	18,002	2,826	1,931
Louisiana.....	5,346	934	823
Maine.....	21,809	5,714	2,904
Maryland.....	6,892	1,662	1,067
Massachusetts.....	35,913	13,944	9,732
Michigan.....	37,706	12,338	5,457
Minnesota.....	15,065	4,615	2,411
Mississippi.....	8,795	1,419	441
Missouri.....	30,728	6,485	4,234
Montana.....	2,491	663	324
Nebraska.....	11,770	2,991	1,666
Nevada.....	847	294	136
New Hampshire.....	8,338	3,221	1,963
New Jersey.....	15,646	3,168	1,736
New York.....	88,573	19,400	10,710
New Mexico.....	883	296	296
North Carolina.....	10,041	765	347
North Dakota.....	2,312	766	406
Oklahoma.....	923	-----	181
Ohio.....	39,906	13,764	7,914
Oregon.....	4,803	1,238	404
Pennsylvania.....	48,472	15,479	10,943
Rhode Island.....	4,661	2,347	1,767
South Carolina.....	5,902	641	122
South Dakota.....	4,254	1,529	768
Tennessee.....	17,766	2,684	1,090
Texas.....	26,841	6,096	2,129
Utah.....	738	217	169
Vermont.....	9,521	2,650	1,458
Virginia.....	13,052	2,407	1,457
Washington.....	4,969	1,141	585
West Virginia.....	6,567	1,115	878
Wisconsin.....	16,001	5,497	2,718
Wyoming.....	976	258	262
	748,264	196,714	110,201
British Columbia.....	1,289	-----	-----
Canada.....	22,805	4,977	1,368
Manitoba.....	2,334	-----	-----
New Brunswick.....	1,764	395	-----
Nova Scotia.....	3,267	561	-----
Prince Edward Island.....	509	-----	-----
Quebec.....	3,432	472	-----
	35,380	6,405	1,368
Total.....	783,644	203,119	111,569

The proportion of Knights Templar to Master Masons in the United States is in the ratio of 110.201 to 748.264; equal to 1 to 6.79.

The proportion of Knights Templar to Royal Arch Masons in the United States is in the ratio of 110.201 to 196.714; equal to 1 to 1.78.

Grand Commanderies which have Commanderies of the largest membership:

Massachusetts—Boston No. 2, Boston.....	884
Illinois—St. Bernard No. 35, Chicago.....	690
Pennsylvania—Mary No. 36, Philadelphia.....	666
District of Columbia—Columbia No. 2, Washington	588
New York—Malta No. 21, Binghamton.....	526
Connecticut—Washington No. 1, Hartford.....	518
Ohio—Oriental No. 12, Cleveland.....	465
Colorado—Colorado No. 1, Denver.....	430
Michigan—Detroit No. 1, Detroit.....	422
Missouri—St. Aldemar No. 18, St. Louis.....	401
Minnesota—Zion No. 2, Minneapolis.....	390
Maine—Portland No. 2, Portland.....	371
Kentucky—De Molay No. 12, Louisville.....	335

The total membership shows an addition during the past year of 4,231 members, an increase of 4 per cent. Everything considered, this is an excellent showing.

CONCLUSION.

In preparing this, our seventeenth annual report, we have reviewed the proceedings of each and all of our Grand Commanderies for the year 1896, including Canada. No absent member to be excused or accounted for. We have fully examined each of them, and read many carefully. Our regret has been that we could not give more of each; but our space is limited, and we have given only some of the many beautiful gems we have found so bountifully spread in the many pages we have read. There has been much to praise; something of omission to regret; but little to criticise adversely.

The financial depression referred to in our reports of 1894, 1895 and 1896, seems to continue, as indicated by the reports we have examined this year. For ourselves, we can say our experience is of a similar kind. We can sympathize with the general feeling, but we feel sure the worst has passed, and we are improving, even though it may be so slowly as to be scarcely perceptible.

The old and the more recent questions which have been discussed by Grand Commanders and Correspondents have received attention during the year, but usually by way of assent to the generally established trend of opinion; sometimes, however, by way of protest or kindly expressed dissent. Harmony and good will have generally prevailed, and fault finding, harsh criticism and ill will have been conspicuously absent.

Some new themes have received attention, notably the "Armenian Question." This has been a new expression of sympathy for an old condition—the sufferings of the weak under the oppression of the strong. The feeling and its expression are commendable; but the opportunities for effective action or favorable results are very meager, indeed. But it is something to stand up and be counted on the side of the right.

Already the murmur of preparation for the next Triennial is heard. Our own Grand Commandery, at this Conclave, provides for a committee to hold until after that event. We commend to those who will

comprise the next body a careful consideration of the many criticisms on past Conclaves for neglect of duty in failing to properly consider and dispose of needed legislation. However, it is of the social feature that we hear the notes of preparation; in this view it will certainly be a success. And as every society, organization or community reflects the general average standing, sentiment, feeling and morality of its members, we must conclude that the Triennial, with its attendant display and social features, is a fair index of the desires of the great body of the Order. If improvement and advancement are made, it must be by a general uplifting and improvement of our members. The reports we have examined and reviewed show that our Order is improving and advancing.

Courteously submitted,

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,

Chairman.

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PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY.

George J. Dunbaugh (3), R. E. G. C.	Pueblo
John M. Maxwell (5), V. E. D. G. C.	Leadville
Harry A. Lee (16), E. G. G.	Denver
Julius B. Bissell (25), E. G. C. G.	Denver

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

Henry M. Teller (2)	Central City
Irving W. Stanton (3)	Pueblo
Harper M. Orahood (25)	Denver
James M. Strickler (1)	Denver
Michael Spangler (25)	Denver
Michael H. Fitch (3)	Pueblo
Roger W. Woodbury (25)	Denver
Aaron Gove (25)	Denver
James H. Peabody (9)	Canon City
George Wyman (25)	Denver
Byron L. Carr (12)	Longmont
Alphonse A. Burnand (5)	Leadville
Albert B. McGaffey (1)	Denver
William D. Todd (25)	Denver
William W. Rowan (16)	Ouray
Eugene P. Shove (8)	Colorado Springs

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS.

William Fullerton (25)	Denver
Albert H. Branch (5)	Denver
Samuel H. Thompson (11)	Durango

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO.

Charles H. Jacobson (4)	Denver
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PAST COMMANDERS.

COLORADO No. 1, DENVER.

Wm. E. Greenlee.	Thomas Nichol.
Lawrence N. Greenleaf.	Frederick A. Williams.
Silas W. Chaney.	Sidney A. Shepperd.
Henry C. Frost.	Wm. W. Anderson.
J. M. Rhoads.	Lathan W. Jones, Louisville.
Ed G. Arnold.	Wesley J. Gibbs.

CENTRAL CITY No. 2, CENTRAL CITY.

Newton D. Owen.	Richard Harvey.
George W. Mabee.	William J. Lewis.

PUEBLO No. 3, PUEBLO.

Henry M. Morse.	Richard W. Corwin.
James A. Joy.	Walter G. Adams.
Thomas Thompson.	Jonathan B. Kilbourn.
Wm. H. Sweeney.	Walter L. Dorland.

Charles W. Bowman.

GEORGETOWN No. 4, GEORGETOWN.

John F. Phillips.	Thomas Cornish.
Warren M. Fletcher.	Geo. H. Barrett.
Thomas Bennett.	Russell J. Collins.

Wm. E. Barton.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS No. 5, LEADVILLE.

Lysander B. Wheat.	Frank H. Officer.
Daniel McNiven.	Charles Cavender.

George P. Brown.

PIKE'S PEAK No. 6, COLORADO SPRINGS.

Andrew Sagendorf, Denver.	Lewis C. Skinner.
James M. Ellison.	James P. Barnes.
Edward R. Walter.	James B. Severy.

Ernst M. Lotz.

MOUNT SINAI No. 7, BOULDER.

Thomas Danford.	Horace O. Dodge.
	James L. Morehead.

GUNNISON No. 8, GUNNISON.

James S. Lawrence.	William J. Fine.
	John A. Steele.

CANON CITY No. 9, CANON CITY.

Wm. T. Bridwell.	Joseph W. Milsom.
George W. Roe, Pueblo.	Wm. H. Trout.
George W. Bethel.	

GREELEY No. 10, GREELEY.

Henry B. Jackson.	Eugene H. Abbott.
Joseph A. Woodbury.	Francis L. Childs.
Sharon Atkinson.	

IVANHOE No. 11, DURANGO.

Frank H. Young.	Jethro C. Sanford.
Peter L. Hansen.	

LONG'S PEAK No. 12, LONGMONT.

Lewis H. Dickson.	Charles H. Baker.
John A. Buckley.	M. J. Wilson.
Francis M. Downer.	

DEMOLAY No. 13, FORT COLLINS.

Peter Anderson.	Andrew J. Hottel, Lamar.
Thomas J. Montgomery.	James B. Arthur.

ASPEN MOUNTAIN No. 14, ASPEN.

Walter S. Clark.	Jason E. Freeman.
James M. Dills.	George C. Vickery.

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE No. 15, ALAMOSA.

George A. Willis.	William Graham.
Charles M. Ball.	

OURAY No. 16, OURAY.

George A. Scott.	Ralph Williams.
Walter F. Wheeler.	William W. Ashley.

SALIDA No. 17, SALIDA.

William W. Roller.

ORIENTAL No. 18, TRINIDAD.

James L. Bridge.	John H. Guilfoil.
Thomas Williams.	William M. Mahin.

MONTROSE No. 19, MONTROSE.

John M. Reynolds.	Sterling S. Sherman.
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GLENWOOD SPRINGS No. 20, GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

Marshall H. Dean.	Charles A. Lee.
Charles W. Durand.	

AKRON No. 21, AKRON.

Benj. F. Rawalt, Tolafero.

Joseph J. Bender, Denver.

Cyrus H. Phelps.

PALESTINE No. 22, LA JUNTA.

Robert A. Steen.

Charles F. Kendall.

Edward J. Smith, Rocky Ford.

TEMPLE No. 23, GRAND JUNCTION.

Lawrence M. Miller.

DENVER No. 25, DENVER.

Frank B. Hill.

Ernest LeNeve Foster.

Ed. C. Parmelee.

George N. Atwood.

Charles H. Wood.

Cyrus W. Fisher.

Darius A. Barton.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

May 1, 1897.

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DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.)

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George D. Kimball, J. W.

Richard H. Malone, Treas.
Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Rec.
William Clark, Std. B.
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Frederick L. Fisk, War.
Thomas Linton, C. of G.

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Ashley, Eli M.
Anstee, George
Anderson, Cooper
Arthur, Edwin F.
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Anderson, William W.
Anderson, J. Wylie
Adams, James F.
Atkins, William S.
Arnold, Ed G.
Abrams, D. Albert
Adams, Guy
Ambler, Benjamin A.
Adams, Matt
Angell, Frank B.
Allen, John D.
Brown, J. Sidney
Billings, George N.
Bayles, Benjamin H.
Bond, William M.
Brooks, Edward J.
Bailey, Hiram L.
Bailey, Joseph L.
Bohm, Henry
Bonesteel, Samuel A.
Bovee, Eugene C.
Bagley, Herman J.
Bishop, John
Bowen, Benjamin F.
Brown, W. Gallagher
Booth, William W.
Brines, William E.
Brown, James H.
Besser, George J.
Butolph, Edward K.
Brewer, Charles M.
Butler, Calvin P.
Bogue, Luman M.
Burnham, Norman G.
Blair, Robert B.
Brooks, Charles D.
Baker, Albert J.
Bavie, Levi M.
Beggs, William A.
Bowman, J. Warren
Bottom, John T.
Beerresen, Harold W.
Blakeley, Alderson A.

Blake, Frank O.
Bleibel, Charles
Baker, Nathan A.
Bonney, Sherman G.
Beard, Henry A.
Beless, Frank W.
Barry, James H.
Bloomer, Jesse C.
Bell, Herbert E.
Clarke, Clarence J.
Cheesman, Walter S.
Came, Virgil M.
Cutshaw, Leonard
Cook, David J.
Church, Frank
Chaney, Silas W.
Carmichael, Daniel F.
Carney, John C.
Capron, Adolphus B.
Clark, Charles T.
Cooper, Wm. A. L.
Collins, John W.
Crandell, James H.
Cleaveland, John R.
Cook, Lemuel S.
Case, Austin G.
Campbell, Charles M.
Croskey, Albert B.
Cooper, Cy E.
Cornforth, Joseph T.
Creeswell, Joseph
Cornwall, William T.
Cline, Lynn C.
Cobb, John P.
Clark, James L.
Conant, Eugene F.
Clinton, Charles M.
Campbell, William B.
Cooper, William H.
Chambers, William T.
Calhoun, William C.
Daley, John L.
Danielson, Frank M.
Duggan, George
Dowson, Henry
Dorsey, Samuel C.
Darby, Samuel E.
Downie, David

Dale, William W.
Dautremont, John L.
Downie, Edward R.
Dole, William A.
Dean, Horatio G.
De Sollar, Herbert S.
Depew, John F.
Dickson, Henry C.
Davis, Charles L.
Decker, Stephen D.
Drescher, John F.
Davis, William C.
Dixon, John L.
Evans, John
Elbert, Samuel H.
Edbrooke, Frank E.
English, Robert W.
Emanuel, William H.
Estes, Milton
Eastman, George M.
Fladders, Leonard H.
Felker, William B.
Frost, Henry C.
Ford, Charles M.
Franklin, Nelson
Foreyth, Alexander
Filby, Alfred A.
Francis, William A.
Frewen, Frank W.
Farrington, William R.
Ferguson, Edward G.
Fraser, John J.
French, Horace W.
Fairall, Charles H.
Fife, Thomas L.
Garvin, Jesse B.
Gregory, Walter
Gondy, Frank C.
Greenlee, William E.
Graham, David B.
Gird, Christopher C.
Graham, John W.
Gibbs, Wesley J.
Greenlee, Robert C.
Gutshall, Samuel P.
Gutsch, Rudolph A.
Gaylord, Paul B.
Gore, George W.

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Goldsworthy, Richard W.
Greenlee, Lewis C.
Gutshall, Thomas O.
Gilbert, Lloyd S.
Guyer, Clarkson N.
Hager, Clarence E.
Hall, Frank
Hatten, Robert L.
Hutchins, Samuel A.
Henry, Oren H.
Hard, Frank J.
Hosington, Jasper M.
Hoffer, John G.
Hart, Charles N.
Harp, William R.
Hurd, Nathan S.
Howard, J. Will
Hensley, Charles K.
Heath, Ned F.
Hilton, Frank W.
Hauna, Joseph P.
Huddart, John J.
Hannum, Henry W.
Hall, Fred F.
Hicks, James R.
Hildebrand, Robert H.
Hosoe, Bruce F.
Harris, William J.
Hall, Robert E.
Hall, John P.
Hotchkiss, Charles N.
Hickman, William H.
Harryman, Charles B.
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Hughes, William T.
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Johnson, Albert
Jones, Lathan W.
Jones, John W.
Johnson, Frederick A.
James, Benjamin L.
Jennness, William J.
Jones, George F.
Jacobs, Stephen W.
Kountz, Charles B.
Klock, John I.
Kavanaugh, Roderick F.
Kelley, James
Kirby, Marceins C.
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Kiefer, John E.
Killie, Isaac L.
Kippert, Jesse E.
Killen, Bernard C.
Kelloug, George C.
Kisthardt, David H.
Kelloug, Charles M.
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Knoch, Charles J.
Kitchen, Harrison M.
Kincaid, Robert A.
La Due, Theodore F.
Long, Robert A.
Livezey, John, Jr.
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Lyon, William F. M.
Lambert, William F.
Lunt, Robert P.
Lusclers, Herman
Le Hart, Richard
Larrion, Charles W.
Lord, Frank J.

Lonedale, Alfred G.
McCarty, Andrew J.
McLellan, William W.
McConnell, James G.
McGaffey, Albert B.
McFarland, James
McIntosh, Charles J.
McGaffey, Dexter B.
McKee, Thomas R.
McDonough, John
McIntyre, Fred S.
McAllister, Alexander
McKay, Smith
McGrew, Robert T.
McAllister, Hugh D.
McArthur, Cyrus W.
Milner, Joseph
Mack, Frederick
Morrison, Thomas J.
Mouat, John
Mansfield, Nathan T.
Miller, Frank A.
Mansfield, LeRoy
Moeley, Richard W.
Mygatt, William R.
Metcalf, Frederick A.
Markham, James T.
Munson, George C.
Miller, George M.
Marean, Willis A.
Morgan, James
Moore, Lucius L.
Middlebrook, John H.
Middlebrook, Alex.
Myers, Julius A.
Mille, William F. R.
Moore, John A.
Morrison, Singleton M.
Messenger, Kemron E.
Madden, Samuel C.
Middaugh, Charles F.
May, William T. S.
Norton, Samuel B.
Nolds, Elisha J.
Nicholl, Thomas
Nankivell, James
Nichols, James H.
Newcomb, Henry E.
Norvell, Lucius P.
Nicholl, William J.
Neff, George W.
Newell, Lyne S.
Nye, Willis N.
Olympius, John P.
O'Brien, Peter
Oliver, Adam N.
Parks, Fred W.
Pierson, Robert K.
Palmer, William B.
Perkins, William F.
Porter, James H.
Pennock, Homer
Pringle, Jordan P.
Patten, Thomas P.
Parkhurst, William G.
Parfet, Charles E.
Palmer, Peter L.
Piper, William B.
Phillips, J. Bevan
Phister, Charles S.
Peters, Charles H.
Prackwinkel, Wm.
Price, John E.

Pierce, Charles P.
Pierce, Franklin
Quinn, William W.
Routt, John L.
Rogers, Benjamin W.
Raymond, Charles A.
Riddell, Philip H.
Rogers, William T.
Rubicam, Jonathan S.
Redfield, George S.
Roe, Robert S.
Rhoads, Alonzo G.
Rhoads, Harry F.
Ramsey, Lee
Rundle, Thomas C.
Reiley, Charles J.
Rhoads, Justus M.
Richmond, Charles B.
Rogers, Edmund J. A.
Robinson, William F.
Ryan, Daniel J.
Richards, Will H.
Strickler, James M.
Skinner, Daniel T.
Sheppard, Sidney A.
Scholtz, Edward L.
Smedley, William
Steele, Robert W.
Stephens, Henry J., Jr.
Smith, Joseph E.
Smith, William D.
Shattuc, Smith M.
Nutton, John C.
Smith, Erastus W.
Stevens, Charles P.
Smith, Roland D.
Smith, Irving G.
Scattergood, Israel M.
Bage, Charles H.
Scott, Charles J.
Steinmetz, Charles C.
Smith, Pierce T.
Shearer, James
Steel, Henry P.
Sawins, Alva H.
Smith, Frank W.
Scott, George H.
Seerie, David D.
Scobey, Orlando B.
Sours, Paul J.
Stewart, Ralph W.
Stark, Albert J.
Shearer, Alexander T.
Shaffer, Edward L.
Salter, Walter D.
Smylie, Frank W.
Shurtz, Thomas D.
Smith, Lucien S., Jr.
Tritch, George
Thompson, George W.
Titcomb, John S.
Toover, William
Traver, William H.
Tracey, Lester C.
Tucker, Francis M.
Toy, Solomon Jacob.
Tanquary, Nathan Q.
Twombly, John C.
Tedford, James A.
Timmerman, John L.
Thompson, Robert D.
Titus, Charles H.
Tritch, George, Jr.

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Thorp, Rollin L.
 Uzzell, Thomas A.
 Vaille, Uplide.
 Vick Roy, Alonzo F.
 Voeburgh, Nathan O.
 Van, Clay M.
 Whittemore, Oliver A.
 Wilgus, Thomas B.
 Winne, Peter.
 Wolff, Alfred.
 Wilson, Andrew D.
 Willoughby, Edmund A.
 Wilson, William J.
 Walley, John J.
 Walseen, Fred

Wadsworth, Harrison L.
 Wilder, Asa
 Weber, Albert H.
 Williams, Frederick A.
 Watkins, Leonard K.
 Wright, Charles B.
 Wilcox, Stephen J.
 Webster, Ralph C.
 Wickes, Charles P.
 Wheeler, Frank
 Wilson, Charles F.
 Winter, Allison T.
 Willetts, George W.
 Wright, George F.
 Waid, Orin C.

Walker, Thomas C.
 Wooley, George H.
 White, William A.
 Wygant, Thomas H., Jr.
 Welch, Albert L.
 Wright, John C.
 Wise, Charles E.
 Walters, Leonard
 Younker, Jason T.
 Yankee, William H.
 Zint, George W.
 Zollars, Thomas J.
 Zimmers, Philip D.
 Ziska, August A.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.

CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

(Conclaves third Thursday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

George W. Mabee, E. C.
 Richard Harvey, G.
 William J. Lewis, C. G.
 Newton D. Owen, Pre.
 William C. Fullerton, S. W.
 Clayton W. Bush, J. W.

Thomas H. Potter, Treas.
 Samuel I. Lorah, Rec.
 Edward W. Davis, Std. B.
 Edward C. Hughes, Swd. B.
 Abraham Ashbaugh, War.
 Peter C. Hansen, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, John D.
 Anlebrook, Alex.
 Ashbaugh, Flor.
 Beet, John
 Becker, Clayton F.
 Becker, Henry
 Bolsinger, Henry C.
 Brannan, John
 Bush, William L.
 Broad, Richard

Bonesteel, Arthur E.
 Collier, David C.
 Chester, Joseph E.
 Hamor, David A.
 Harvey, William
 Kline, Perry A.
 Lechner, George W.
 Lowell, Benjamin F.
 McLelland, George E.
 Nichols, Foster

Parsons, Isaac M.
 Roberts, Daniel
 Sherwin, John J.
 Teller, Henry M.
 Tucker, Anthony W.
 Thorsen, Peder L.
 Van Deren, Arch J.
 Vivian, George G.
 Watson, Joseph W.
 Williams, Edward W.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3.

PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

(Conclaves first Saturday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Bishop D. V. Reeve, E. C.
 Andrew Park, G.
 Cornelius J. Hart, C. G.
 Edmund W. Hathaway, Pre.
 John S. Stewart, S. W.
 William Young, J. W.

Christopher Wilson, Treas.
 William Peach, Rec.
 Charles Cox, Std. B.
 Clark E. Lovett, Swd. Br.
 William W. Cooper, War.
 James Stanchfield, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Alva
 Adams, Geo. S.
 Adams, Walter G.
 Averill, Wallace
 Anderson, Frank M.
 Barkley, Henry

Billington, William H.
 Bishop, John F.
 Barber, William
 Bowman, Charles W.
 Bostwick, Edwin L.
 Bradley, Uford

Brown, Julius D.
 Burnam, Curtis W.
 Cameron, John
 Chew, Edward R.
 Cherrington, Charles E.
 Clarke, John R.

MEMBERS.

Clucas, Hugh E.
 Corwin, Richard W.
 Culver, William E.
 De Remer, James R.
 Dunbaugh, George J.
 Dey, Williford
 Doudna, John V.
 Dorland, Walter L.
 Dorman, Edward G.
 Fitch, Michael H.
 Frain, Luther S.
 Fraser, William G.
 Gill, George W.
 Glatzel, Frank
 Grant, Angus A.
 Greene, Daniel R.
 Grisard, Will D.
 Hancock, William W.
 Hard, Gideon H.
 Hatfield, Charles
 Heath, Ernest W.
 Humphrey, William A.
 Jackson, Alexander
 Joy, James A.
 Keith, Fordyce M.

Kilbourn, Jonathan B.
 King, Alexander T.
 McMurtrie, John A.
 McKee, John M.
 Martel, James P.
 Middlekamp, William A.
 Miles, John E.
 Morse, Henry M.
 Moses, Lincoln E.
 Moses, William A.
 Nash, Herman W.
 Nelson, Charles F.
 Newcomer, Charles E.
 Newton, Whitney
 Orman, James B.
 Pearson, John I.
 Perkins, George W.
 Pochon, Joseph J.
 Ramsey, George S.
 Rice, Charles O.
 Robinson, John T.
 Root, George H.
 Rees, Joseph R.
 Sergeant, Ellis
 Sheriff, Samuel

Shockey, William L.
 Shrock, Frank H.
 Singer, Frank
 Sleeper, John W.
 Smith, Graham
 Smith, Hugh M.
 Smith, James E.
 Smith, Oscar G.
 Standish, Miles
 Stanton, Irving W.
 Steck, Edward M.
 Strait, William W.
 Sweeney, William H.
 Taylor, William C.
 Thompson, Thomas
 Usher, William H.
 Van Brunt, William
 Wartenbee, Robert H.
 Willard, John J.
 Williamson, Henry A.
 Williford, George W.
 Wilson, Benjamin M.
 Wormley, Frederick P.
 Walpole, Nimrod S.

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4.

GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

(Conclaves first Saturday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Warren M. Fletcher, E. C.
 Jesse M. Copeland, G.
 Thomas Bennett, C. G.
 Russell J. Collins, Pre.
 Herbert Gedney, S. W.
 John F. Phillips, J. W.

David R. Wilson, Treas.
 John H. Bennett, Rec.
 Samuel Hardy, Std. B.
 Charles B. Bullock, Swd. Br.
 Henry Boyer, War.
 Charles K. Wolfe, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Barrett, George H.
 Barton, William E.
 Cornish, Thomas
 Cornish, Nicholas D.

Catren, Benjamin C.
 Griffin, James
 Jacobson, Charles H.
 Johnson, Fred S.

Pollard, Charles W.
 Robeson, Jacob H.
 Sedgwick, Robert A.
 Swanson, August

MT. OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY No. 5.

LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Chas. E. Dickinson, E. C.
 Horace C. Mitchell, G.
 Henry R. Pendry, C. G.
 Jno. M. Maxwell, Pre.
 Jno. R. Champion, S. W.
 Jno. F. Armington, J. W.

J. Clarence Hersey, Treas.
 James McNulty, Rec.
 William Guller, Std. B.
 E. Faucher, Swd. Br.
 F. C. Miller, War.
 Elijah H. Andrews, C. of G.

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Alfred, John
Branch, A. H.
Boettcher, Chas.
Braden, Wm.
Burnand, Alphonse A.
Bowdish, R. C.
Brown, George P.
Bretherton, S. E.
Blakely, H. M.
Brown, Sam'l M.
Baldy, Jno. P.
Cain, Wm. J.
Christian, Chas. J.
Cavender, Chas.
Crawford, W. C.
Corwin, Herbert D.
Delay, Robert L.
Dougan, Geo. B.
Dickinson, Wm. M.
Dickinson, Frank T.

Dougan, David H.
Ewing, John A.
Felker, Wm. B., Jr.
Galloway, B. S.
Goelen, A. M.
Goddard, L. M.
Gear, L.
Harvey, Jno.
Hayden, Chas.
Helton, Jno. E.
Hughes, John H.
Jans, Hans
LaSalle, David
Mack, Jacob
Musser, Jno. W.
McNiven, Dan'l
Milton, James H.
Nowland, Jno.
Newell, James W.

Nicholson, S. D.
Officer, F. H.
Peterson, P. A.
Pierce, J. N.
Power, R. F.
Reef, J. S.
Racine, Daniel
Ramsay, Geo. W.
Smith, Joel W.
Stotesbury, J. H.
Stein, W. J.
Steckley, B. F.
Swaim, L. C.
Shaw, Frank
Thompson, Willis L.
Toet, Frank
Wheat, L. B.
Williams, Jno. H.
Woodford, Jno. W.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6.

COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Thursdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

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James M. Ellison, C. G.
Ernst M. Lotz, Pre.
Weeley S. Morris, S. W.
Robert P. Davis, J. W.

Albert Matthews, Act. Treas.
Aury B. Noxon, Rec.
Benj. W. Pattinson, Std. B.
Wm. P. Woodside, Swd. Br.
Corwin E. Bennett, War.
Joseph E. Coleman, C. of G.

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Ashworth, R. H.
Atkinson, James W.
Bletso, A. J.
Barker, C. W.
Boyer, S. L.
Bott, Anthony
Beynon, B. L.
Bates, L. W.
Briscoe, R. S.
Bartlett, H. W.
Bennett, D. H.
Bernard, S. S.
Brenton, William H.
*Crowell, B. F.
Carmichael, Edward
Casser, C.
Cable, H. S.
Castello, F. F.
Courter, John
Dow, F. E.
Evans, Charles E.
Ellis, E. L.
Eaton, E. J.
France, Matt
Frowine, C. H.
Frost, Geo. W.
Frizzell, Wm.
Giddings, E. W., Jr.
Goetling, C. R.
Grafton, H. H.
Gilmore, E. C.

Gerhardt, Paul
Gough, Thomas, Jr.
Gunnell, Allen T.
Hext, Thomas
Hagerty, Charles C.
Himebaugh, John A.
Humphrey, J. F.
Howbert, Irving
Hutchinson, A. B.
Hayes, J. A., Jr.
Horn, T. G.
Henry, O. E.
Hughes, Thomas
Humphrey, A. L.
Hutchinson, J. C.
Hatfield, S. S.
Hille, V. G.
Imler, David H.
Jones, Beal H.
Jones, M. W.
Jones, A. D.
Kerr, J. H.
Kuhn, C. E.
Kenyon, Arthur D.
Lawton, A. L.
Lawrence, Geo. W.
Liddy, M. A.
Lindley, Geo. E.
Martin, F. L.
McShane, David
Munson, K. D.
Maltby, S. F.

Middagh, James L.
Middagh, Pleasant W.
Ortseifer, Wm. A.
Potter, John
Parker, J. M.
Reed, William H.
Reynolds, J. E.
Roby, F. F.
Reid, H. I.
Reed, Raymond
Severy, Jas. B.
Stubbs, C. E.
Sagendorf, Andrew
Skinner, L. C.
Steele, W. S.
Smith, C. T. O.
Smith, S. Ben
Schmitt, Jacob
Stanley, H. M.
Smith, Richard
Stone, Harry B.
Seymour, Austin F.
Smith, Tom A.
Sheafor, John W.
Snyder, Charles N.
Thomas, Frank
Woodbury, J. C.
Walter, E. R.
Woods, E. L.
Wellington, Q. J.
Waltemeyer, E. L.
Zobist, C. L.

MT. SINAI COMMANDERY No. 7.

BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

(Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

James L. Morehead, E. C.
 Charles A. Russell, G.
 Albert T. Henry, Sr., C. G.
 Charles C. Bromley, Pre.
 William Goldaworthy, S. W.
 James E. Hubbard, J. W.

Geo. M. McClure, Treas.
 Hiram E. Washburn, Rec.
 Geo. F. Chase, Std. B.
 Frank P. Metcalf, Swd. Br.
 [REDACTED] War.
 Eli P. Metcalf, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allison, William H.
 Baylor, Charles N.
 Beam, August
 Border, Sam'l B.
 Bradley, Herbert N.
 Brown, Sam'l C.
 Burns, M. F.
 Coulehan, Charles E.
 Cheney, Charles H.
 Cowie, James
 Crary, John H.
 Develine, James W.
 Dodge, Horace O.
 Davis, John
 Danford, Thomas
 Downer, Sylvester S.
 Davis, Charles
 Ellingham, John J.
 Fonda, Geo. F.
 Farrot, Charles S.
 Fullen, Hiram
 Fruth, George
 Fisher, John B.
 Gilbert, Richard
 Heizelman, Frank
 Hutchinson, Daniel J.
 Hathaway, Mark

Hult, William
 Hood, James H.
 Henry, Albert T., Jr.
 Johnston, William J.
 Jackson, Nelson
 Johnson, Frank E.
 Jay, Manuel
 Kanyon, Enoch
 Kohler, Fred W.
 Knill, Thomas
 Knapp, Waldo E.
 Lockwood, Fred
 Luxon, Joseph
 McKenzie, Neil D.
 McClure, Harry B.
 Macky, Andrew J.
 McGaffey, Sam'l M.
 Monell, Henry
 McAllister, Dan. E.
 Neiderberger, Frank A.
 Nicholson, John W.
 O'Conner, Timothy
 Oliver, George S.
 Pine, B. Frank
 Phillips, Norman M.
 Pugh, John
 Roeser, William

Rowen, William F.
 Stock, F. E.
 Shires, Thomas
 Simpson, John H.
 Safely, Alex. F.
 Sawyer, Alvin M.
 Schriver, John C.
 Seeley, Worth L.
 Sheets, Henry W.
 Temple, Edwin J.
 Turner, John
 Tyler, Frank
 Thompson, John C.
 Thorne, Squire J.
 Trezise, John G.
 Teal, George W.
 Trovillion, Edward B.
 Wilder, Eugene
 Wilson, Thos. V.
 White, William W.
 Whiteley, Richard H.
 Williams, John N.
 Williams, John B.
 Withey, A. B.
 Wise, Charles H.
 Williamson, Fred. L.

GUNNISON COMMANDERY No. 8.

GUNNISON, GUNNISON COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Wednesday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Samuel P. Spencer, E. C.
 John E. Brothers, G.
 Michael Monahan, C. G.
 John A. Steele, Pre.
 Denver L. Richardson, S. W.
 Truman W. Gray, J. W.

James S. Lawrence, Treas.
 Osmar H. Alkine, Rec.
 Henry Purrier, Std. B.
 William H. Davis, Swd. Br.
 Abram E. Hyzer, War.
 Charles Biebel, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Wallace A.
 Bartlett, Henry C.
 Brown, Ira
 Brown, Ira Ewart
 Calvert, William W.
 Chrystal, James F.
 Chrystal, John F.
 Edwards, Albert H.
 Fine, William J.
 Gibeon, Ezra

Lewis, Thomas J.
 Moyer, Samuel L.
 Pirie, George
 Pearson, John F.
 Rhodes, Matthew
 Roblee, Morgan A.
 Seelinger, Frederick A.
 Shove, Eugene P.
 Snyder, William

Songer, Frank E.
 Steele, Frank D.
 Tanner, Frank P.
 Webb, John
 Wilson, Richard B.
 Winn, Charles F.
 Wheeler, Nat. C.
 Wright, Henry C.
 Youngs, George

CANON CITY COMMANDERY No. 9.

CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY.

(Conclaves third Thursday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Daniel A. Bradbury, E. C.
 Jos. T. Little, G.
 Allen E. Ford, C. G.
 William T. Bridwell, Pre.
 Alfred Durfee, S. W.
 Joseph W. Milsom, J. W.

James P. Chapman, Treas.
 Henry L. Price, Rec.
 Frank N. Carrier, Std. B.
 Leroy C. Young, Swd. Br.
 William H. Weaver, War.
 Caleb J. Smith, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, David
 Adair, George W.
 Asdell, John B.
 Butler, Edward A.
 Bethel, George W.
 Bradbury, George E.
 Black, Amos R.
 Bailey, Morton S.
 Bockinger, George
 Collins, Charles M.
 Cassedy, George R.
 Craven, Thomas H.
 Coelett, Walter
 Clegham, John
 Clingan, Preston H.
 Dufer, Charles
 Dudley, George E.
 Davis, William J.
 Daniels, William J.
 Earle, Henry
 Gravestock, John
 Garrett, Daniel N.
 Gibson, David E.
 Gibson, William M.
 Haskins, Charles F.

Hall, Robert D.
 Harding, Theodore M.
 Hasbrouck, James E.
 Johnson, William E.
 Jones, Benjamin F.
 Jack, Delbert A.
 Kellenberger, George H.
 Kohlman, Louis X.
 Lawrence, Adley B.
 Mitchell, George M.
 McGrath, Miles
 McGilliard, William P.
 Mitchell, Edwin
 Maxson, Chester W.
 Mitchell, Jerry W.
 Mayhew, William M.
 Munroe, Adam S.
 Murray, John W.
 McKenzie, George
 Nikirk, Clyde G.
 Peabody, James H.
 Pattee, David C.
 Paula, Charles
 Pople, Roger

Palmer, Thomas D.
 Palmer, Hunter
 Peabody, William H.
 Pack, Alonzo G.
 Patterson, John A.
 Plummer, John
 Roe, George W.
 Reynolds, Frederick A.
 Raynolds, John
 Rudolph, Andrew E.
 Rockafellow, Benj. F.
 Rockwell, James J.
 Rambo, James W.
 Sartor, Augustus
 Sell, Franz
 Smith, C. C.
 Slater, Henry B.
 Stewart, Robert C.
 Sundmacher, Charles H.
 Stewart, Robert D.
 Trout, William H.
 Tucker, William P.
 Taylor, Charles
 Williams, George T.

GREELEY COMMANDERY No. 10.

GREELEY, WELD COUNTY.

(Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Sharon Atkinson, E. C.
 William Mayher, G.
 Albert Igo, C. G.
 Ed A. Thompson, Pre.
 Chas. R. Beckley, S. W.
 Wm. L. Miller, J. W.

Bruce F. Johnson, Treas.
 Joseph A. Woodbury, Rec.
 Benj. W. Hilton, Std. B.
 Henry Ecker, Swd. Br.
 Charles W. Wulfjin, War.
 Thos. G. Macy, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abbott, Eugene H.
 Arthur, James S.
 Brush, Jared L.
 Barber, James S.
 Beetham, James
 Childs, Francis L.
 Davis, Arthur W.
 Eaton, Benj. H.
 Eaton, Bruce G.

Freeman, James M.
 Fullerton, Winfield S.
 Hogarty, Michael J.
 Huffsmith, Peter
 Henderson, Gustave A.
 Heaton, Charles
 Jackson, Henry B.
 Matteson, Menzo C.
 Mead, Mark S.

McGruder, James
 Madison, C. W.
 Pollock, Wm. Perry
 Randolph, Calvin
 Springfield, James H.
 Teller, Harrison
 Thomson, James W.
 Willard, Le Barron
 Wolaver, Jacob M.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 11.

DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Tuesday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

George Weaver, E. C.
John W. Wingate, G.
Chas. E. McConnell, C. G.
Frank H. Young, Pre.
Frank A. Wingate, S. W.
Thomas Rockwood, J. W.

John L. Parsons, Treas.
Andrew R. Lewis, Rec.
J. C. Sanford, Std. B.
Peter L. Hansen, Swd. Br.
Charles Newman, War.
Wm. H. La Count, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Ambold, Robert A.
Bayly, William
Butler, Charles B.
Bullis, Hiram
Cadwell, Henry
Copp, Geo. V.
Dennison, Patrick F.
Engleman, M. M.
Freund, George
Goodman, Henry C.
Gault, John
Hickey, Charles E.
Hoskinson, Charles

Knowles, John
Kephart, Geo. W.
Klingender, Melchior
Klingender, Henry
Landon, J. P.
Morawetz, Albert
McGregor, Duncan C.
Meredith, Joseph
Morton, Andrew W.
McCaffrey, Daniel J.
Orr, Gaylord A.
Parshall, Wesley W.

Roberts, Frank B.
Russell, James L.
Shaw, Daniel J.
Sheets, Daniel L.
Swickheimer, David
Shirey, Wesley T.
Thompson, Sam'l H.
Thorp, Geo. L.
West, Geo. E.
Wigglesworth, Thos. H.
Wynn, John
Ware, Harry F.

LONG'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 12.

LONGMONT, BOULDER COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Willis A. Warner, E. C.
Geo. W. Brown, G.
John A. Buckley, C. G.
Chas. F. Bartell, Pre.
Chas. J. Gregg, S. W.
Thos. Butler, J. W.

John Ramsay, Treas.
A. L. Gibson, Rec.
E. E. Norton, Std. B.
W. King, Swd. Br.
W. H. Webb, War.
L. H. Dickson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, Frank V.
Allen, Fred. E.
Baker, Chas. H.
Brown, Cassius M.
Butler, Stephen
Crane, Fred A.
Carr, Byron L.
Callahan, Thomas M.
Coffman, Enoch J.
Clark, C. C.
Coburn, William T.
Denio, J. W.
Downer, F. M.
Davis, Frank B.
Davis, Frank I.

Daniels, John E.
Davis, David F.
*Dell, George T.
Entwhistle, Thomas
Grant, John Q.
Griffith, Richard G.
Greiner, James W.
Herron, Oscar F.
Herron, Ira L.
Henderson, Andrew M.
Hockenburger, William
Hubble, Richard M.
Johnson, Thomas F.
King, W. G.
Lykins, David J.

Minor, Henry M.
Mitchell, Joseph
Morgan, Joseph J.
Nicholson, William
Phillips, George S.
Ransom, Dick
Small, Major
Shoemaker, Frank J.
Secor, M. G.
Secor, F. P.
Wilson, Mel. J.
Wilson, Harry E.
White, Eben
Webb, C. O.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY No. 13.

FORT COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Saturdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Alfred A. Edwards, E. C.
 Leander Giddings, G.
 Stephen H. Beckner, C. G.
 John C. Hanna, Pre.
 Thaddeus A. Gage, S. W.
 Chas. V. Parker, J. W.

Chas. H. Sheldon, Treas.
 Courtland R. Second, Rec.
 Adrian Blackmer, Std. B.
 Frank P. Stover, Swd. Br.
 J. W. Downey, War.
 Ole Helgeson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Arthur, James B.
 Anderson, Peter
 Armstrong, Andrew
 Andrews, Chas. B.
 Annie, Frank J.
 Boughton, Jay H.
 Brewer, Chas. W.
 Brown, Arthur F.
 Barnes, William
 Beach, J. T.
 Budrow, J. T.
 Brown, James A.
 Cuthbertson, James
 Doolittle, Thos. H.

Daggan, Thos. H.
 Ellis, Alston
 Greiner, J. M.
 Garbutt, Edward N.
 Hottel, Andrew J.
 Hamilton, Andrew L.
 Hall, William
 Hoffman, John M.
 Leonard, Porter D.
 Lull, Celestine E.
 Love, Ephraim
 Lane, Chas. D.
 Miller, Chas. P.

Montgomery, Thos. J.
 Moore, Lewis C.
 Maxwell, Charles
 McAneily, Jefferson
 Robinson, Thos. M.
 Ramey, Thos. C.
 Robertson, Thos. H.
 Scott, F. N. B.
 Scott, A. W.
 Turk, W. W.
 Webb, Geo. A.
 Woodward, Chas. N.
 Whitton, John

ASPEN MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY No. 14.

ASPEN, PITKIN COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Walter S. Clark, E. C.
 Richmond H. Fisher, G.
 John H. Greener, C. G.
 Charles H. Pratt, Pre.
 John Sweeney, S. W.
 Herbert H. Cramer, J. W.

Theodore G. Lyster, Treas.
 Frederick A. Hunt, Rec.
 William J. Cox, Std. B.
 Moses Bradshaw, Swd. Br.
 Calvin McCrea, War.
 John R. Williams, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Auld, John
 Bright, Wm. H.
 Bell, Thomas
 Brown, David R. C.
 Canning, John K.
 Campbell, J. W.
 Connor, James C.
 Crosby, George F.
 Dills, James M.

Freeman, Jason E.
 Gillespie, Henry B.
 Geary, Mortimer J.
 *Givens, Daniel
 Keene, Stephen W.
 Mills, David M.
 Martin, George T.
 Miller, Riley
 Rice, George Arthur

Roberts, Joseph
 Shriver, C. E.
 Stevenson, Archie M.
 Soule, C. M.
 Schoellkopf, Jacob F.
 Varney, Andrew J.
 Vickery, George C.
 Wardell, John B.

* Died May 4, 1897.

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE COMMANDERY No. 15.

ALAMOSA, CONEJOS COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Monday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

John Gerteisen, E. C.
C. Wallrich, G.
W. H. Hirst, C. G.
Wm. Graham, Pres.
Geo. H. Shone, S. W.
A. B. Ruby, J. W.

John Spriestersbach, Treas.
H. H. Dubendorff, Rec.
C. A. Merriman, Std. B.
C. M. Ball, Swd. Br.
Geo. A. Willis, War.
W. D. Carroll, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bannister, Amos
Bassett, Alden
Cochran, Wm. H.
Cole, Allen C.
Eeles, John J.

Ewing, John, Jr.
Franklin, Geo. W.
Hindle, Francis L.
Mattoes, Joseph S.

McIntire, Albert W.
McKee, Milton
Thompson, Jeremiah L.
Tracy, James D.

OURAY COMMANDERY No. 16.

OURAY, OURAY COUNTY.

(Conclaves first Friday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Geo. C. Pierce, E. C.
Albert Jeffers, G.
C. W. Haskins, C. G.
W. F. Wheeler, Pres.
W. H. Middaugh, S. W.
Francis Carney, J. W.

Geo. A. Scott, Treas.
W. W. Ashley, Rec.
Theron Stevens, Std. B.
W. R. Kramer, Swd. Br.
W. B. Alexander, War.
J. K. Herring, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abbott, James W.
Arlett, George H.
Armstrong, Charles A.
Adams, Jefferson D.
Brown, John S.
Bradley, Joseph F.
Bradley, George T.
Brown, Edwin B.
Brown, James L.
Becker, George
Corbett, Miles S.
Clamp, James
Coelett, Charles P.
Fourrell, William H.
Fitzgarrald, Stephen R.
Hooey, Thomas
Hurlburt, George R.
Hanson, Rasmus

Hendershot, Joseph D.
Harvison, Alex.
Hinsey, William A.
Hammon, Charles T.
Hall, H. C.
Hogg, H. M.
Haines, John L.
Hockley, Edgar A.
Jardine, John M.
Kuntz, Samuel W.
Kinley, Edward
Kinkaid, John
Lee, Harry A.
Langley, John C.
Leonard, Charles M.
Lavender, Ed.
Lomax, Louis C.
Mark, Milton H.

McKenzie, William
Nichols, C. M.
Niles, James
Nelson, John W.
Proudfoot, Robert
Phillips, George H.
Phillips, W. B.
Painter, Charles F.
Parliman, B. E.
Rowan, William W.
Rose, Charles E.
Story, William
Smith, V. Y.
Smith, Lou R.
Van Atta W. B.
Walsh, Harry H.
Williams, Ralph
Wileon, Walter B.

SALIDA COMMANDERY No. 17.

SALIDA, CHAFFEE COUNTY.

(Conclaves second and fourth Thursdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

George A. Montgomery, E.C.
 Charles G. Johnson, G.
 William G. Sisson, C. G.
 John Wallis Ohl, Pre.
 James A. Davidson, S. W.
 Bernard Graf, J. W.

Melvin J. Ruiland, Treas.
 George W. McGovern, Rec.
 Sherman W. Seelinger, Std. B.
 Titus Lewis, Swd. Br.
 Charles A. Wilcox, War.
 Fred W. Brush, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bonney, Josiah M.
 Boucher, Elmer T.
 Cole, Judson E.
 Cornelius, Charles S.
 Cornwell, La Fayette
 Crymble, Hugh
 Cartwright, William N.
 Coffin, Charles B.
 Dale, William P.
 Eddy, John A.
 Fay, William Wines
 Guynn, John W.

Guerin, Michael J.
 Jackson, Frederick A.
 Jones, Eugene B.
 Logan, William R.
 Martin, Theodore
 McCoy, James B.
 McIvor, John J.
 McDowell, John B.
 Mitchell, Harry W.
 Morehouse, David W.
 Newman, William M.

Newton, Howell D.
 Nye, Augustus T.
 Rose, George W.
 Roller, William W.
 Shafer, Albert
 Shively, Charles L.
 Thayer, Elmer A.
 White, William D.
 Wood, Joshua W.
 Wilbur, Ernest
 Van Meter, Stroud

ORIENTAL COMMANDERY No. 18.

TRINIDAD, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY.

(Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

John B. Hershey, E.C.
 Geo. A. Keese, G.
 W. F. Munroe, C. G.
 D. Robt. Callaway, Pre.
 John Humphreys, S. W.
 Al. L. Stone, J. W.

Carlos H. Blake, Treas.
 W. S. Keeney, Rec.
 Harry B. Brown, Std. B.
 W. B. Cunningham, Swd. Br.
 Frank R. Wood, War.
 Stokely D. Hays, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bridge, James L.
 Butler, Jno. P. M.
 Bateman, Geo. C.
 Brown, H. E.
 Brown, Mart
 Cook, Rufus G.
 Carlett, Robt. H.
 Donaldson, A. B.
 Eezyenhart, Paul
 Forhan, T. J.
 Gordon, William
 Guilfoil, John H.
 Gibbons, Richard D.
 Hall, A. Kinney
 Hensley, James H.
 Harper, David S.
 Jones, William W.

Killian, J. R.
 Knight, Robt. J.
 Kever, Chris. C.
 Leighton, Hampton W.
 Linthurst, John F.
 La Belle, Jason P.
 Mahin, William M.
 Milliken, Ivory Q.
 McGuire, C. M.
 Maltby, W. E.
 McElmry, Thos.
 Myers, Edward
 Nolan, Patrick H.
 Northcutt, Jesse G.
 Peters, William E.
 Pollock, Alexander
 Pierson, Harry F.

Reincehls, J. R.
 Rapp, Isaac H.
 Ramsay, Fred E.
 Roberts, Jas. H.
 Schleicher, John M.
 Stone, Daniel W.
 Sipe, Robt. G.
 Sherman, John F.
 Sneddon, Alex.
 Thompson, William
 Unfug, Chas. O.
 Wight, Frederick D.
 Wade, Lorin E.
 Wilder, William H.
 Williams, Thomas
 Wooding, Benj. F.

MONTROSE COMMANDERY No. 19.**MONTROSE, MONTROSE COUNTY.**

(Conclaves second and fourth Fridays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

S. S. Sherman, E. C.
 Geo. H. Smith, G.
 J. M. Reynolds, C. G.
 A. Johnson, Pre.
 J. W. Owens, S. W.
 I. W. Hottle, J. W.

J. E. McClure, Treas.
 J. F. Kyle, Rec.
 Wm. Boot, Std. B.
 R. C. Diehl, Swd. Br.
 Abe Roberts, War.
 J. W. Cahill, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, G. E.
 Akard, C. B.
 Bestor, E. D.
 Bonney, A. L.
 Butler, A. C.
 Beaudry, F. B.
 Bell, John C.
 Boetwick, H. N.
 Baetjer, W. T.

Brown, A. D.
 Chapman, F. A.
 Clark, N. G.
 Hammond, H.
 King, A. R.
 Kelso, R. S.
 Kellock, Andrew
 Lees, John F.

McGrannahan, F. H.
 Ostenson, O. E.
 Phillips, J. Ralph, Jr.
 Robinson, W. W.
 Stephan, Geo.
 Trepler, J. W.
 Wice, H. D.
 Williams, R. F.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS COMMANDERY No. 20.**GLENWOOD SPRINGS, GARFIELD COUNTY.**

(Conclaves second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Charles Ward Durand, E. C.
 John H. Fesler, G.
 James W. Ross, C. G.
 Charles W. Darrow, Pre.
 J. Frank Tanghenbaugh, S. W.
 Edward T. Taylor, J. W.

B. T. Napier, Treas.
 Marshall H. Dean, Rec.
 William Dougan, Std. B.
 William Rohr, Swd. Br.
 George H. Moulton, War.
 Marcellus Monroe, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, James
 Dynes, W. B.
 De Remer, Jared R.
 Dinkel, Wm. M.
 Ewing, Fred C.
 Hall, George

Kamm, Henry R.
 Lee, Chas. A.
 Love, Joseph
 Morley, Harvey K.
 Nuckols, Geo. H.
 Nelson, John

Parks, Clifford C.
 Swan, Joe S.
 Schliff, W. A.
 Stevenson, Clarence H.
 Tillery, W. H.

AKRON COMMANDERY No. 21.**AKRON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

(Conclaves fourth Tuesday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Cyrus H. Phelps, E. C.
 Adam J. Johnson, G.
 James N. Counter, C. G.
 Louis C. Stephenson, Pre.
 Chas. A. Parsons, S. W.
 John B. Fisher, J. W.

John F. Dole, Treas.
 Colvin, William B, Rec.
 Granville Pendleton, Std. B.
 Swd. Br.
 John H. Geiszel, War.
 George W. Ball, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bales, Elija J.
Bender, Joseph J.
Bent, Geo. B.
Bondfoey, Wells
Cook, Maynard E.
Gault, John
Hamm, Arthur C.

Knearl, William
Little, William
McCue, Isaac N.
McPherrin, Emmett
Moor, John W.
Muntzing, August
Packard, D. C.

Potteys, Walter
Hawalt, Benjamin F.
Shonard, David
Skelton, Wm. T.
Twombly, Hurd W.
Wait, Ira W.
Young, Andrew J.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY No. 22.

LA JUNTA, OTERO COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Monday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Jas. B. Pearce, E. C.
Geo. H. Winchell, G.
Jno. E. Gauger, C. G.
I. S. Bryant, Pre.
V. Albera, S. W.
T. F. Godding, J. W.

John Johnson, Treas.
R. A. Steen, Rec.
O. G. Hees, Std. B.
I. D. Hale, Swd. Br.
K. S. Miller, War.
E. J. Smith, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, C. H.
Barnes, A. S.
Dye, B. U.
Effner, F. J.
Farley, Chas.
Godding, John E.
Gobin, W. B.
Johnson, Harry

Kendall, C. F.
Keeeee, Daniel
Kearby, E. W.
Miller, G. T.
Markham, L. W.
Maxwell, H. I.
McCaskill, Wm.
McMurrey, W. T.

Robinson, G.
Reynolds, C. A.
Recker, Chas.
Sherman, Jas. B.
Steele, Wm. C.
Soupeet, F. P.
Stewart, A. G.
Tague, F. M.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY No. 23.

GRAND JUNCTION, MESA COUNTY.

(Conclaves fourth Thursday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

Edward F. Eldridge, E. C.
John J. Lumsden, G.
Theodore M. Jones, C. G.
Benjamin J. Snyder, Pre.
Orson Adams, Jr., S. W.
Jacob H. Rice, J. W.

Benton Canon, Treas.
Wm. Carlyle, Rec.
Edwin A. Evans, Std. B.
George Gordon, Swd. Br.
David R. Crooby, War.
Thos. E. Barnhouse, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, Geo. W.
Bower, Columbus
Bull, Heman R.
Gleesner, Chas. E.
Krusen, Norman J.

Ketchum, Truman A.
Lattner, Thomas J.
Miller, Lawrence M.
Maloy, Ed. N.
Nelson, James H.

Oleson, Gust A.
Price, Charles C.
Roberts, David
Shores, Cyrus W.
Starr, Thomas

DENVER COMMANDERY No. 25.

DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

(Conclaves second Tuesday in each month.)

OFFICERS.

* [REDACTED] E. C.
 Henry Falke, G.
 Arthur F. Harlow, C. G.
 Frank L. Bishop, Pre.
 Trabue Van Culin, S. W.
 George W. Vallery, J. W.

Wm. D. Todd, Treas.
 Ed. C. Parmelee, Rec.
 Jesse Richards, Std. B.
 Joseph T. Wallace, Swd. Br.
 Verne A. Lewis, War.
 † Thomas Linton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Addoms, Frederic E.
 Alling, Ebenezer T.
 Atwood, George Nichols
 Bartels, Gustave C.
 Barton, Darius A.
 Biasell, Julius Bidwell
 Blood, James H.
 Brannen, Robert S.
 Bristol, Harlan Page
 Bucknum, Amasa M.
 Burchinell, Wm. K.
 Burlingame, Eugene E.
 Butler, Hugh
 Campbell, Donald Wm.
 Campbell, Lucien D.
 Carrow, Paul H.
 Carson, James H.
 Clatworthy, Wm. H.
 Critchell, Charles R.
 Cumnock, Robert L.
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 Daniels, Henry H.
 De Huy, Bernard H.

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 Fell, George E.
 Fisher, Cyrus W.
 Fletcher, Donald
 Foster, Ernest Le Neve
 Freeman, William B.
 Fullerton, William
 Gove, Aaron
 Grissom, Eugene
 Handy, Robert M.
 Harkison, Charles Tibber
 Harris, Edward K.
 Heath, Andrew B.
 Highland, Edward F.
 Hill, Frank Biale
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 Lemen, Lewis E.
 McDowell, William F.

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 Rogers, Platt
 Schroter, Sidney Haines
 Selbach, Emil H.
 Smutzer, Frederick C.
 Sneve, Anthony
 Spangler, Michael
 Taisey, Charles H.
 Vailla, Frederick O.
 Watson, Arthur C.
 Williams, Joseph Wray
 Wood, Charles H.
 Woodbury, Roger Williams
 Wyman, George
 Young, Frank Crissey

* Died March 21, 1897.

† Not a member.

CHARTERED IN 1897.

CRIPPLE CREEK COMMANDERY No. 26.

Cripple Creek, El Paso County.

Dispensation granted March 12, 1897, to:

Johnson, Fred S., E. C., from Georgetown Commandery No. 4, Georgetown, Colo. Dues paid to June 30, 1897.

Sleeper, John W., G., from Pueblo Commandery No. 3, Pueblo, Colo. Dues paid to December 31, 1897.

Barker, Matthew C., C. G., from San Felipe de Austin Commandery No. 1, Galveston, Tex. Dimit dated January 14, 1897.

Eckman, J. W., from Gray Commandery No. 16, Marshall, Tex. Dimit dated January 14, 1895.

Stephenson, Percy, from Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, Colorado Springs, Colo. Dimit dated January 21, 1897.

Shaffer, Edward L., from Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Colo. Dues paid to June 1, 1897.

McKinzle, William, from Ouray Commandery No. 16, Ouray, Colo. Dues paid to December 1, 1897.

Walsh, Harry H., from Ouray Commandery No. 16, Ouray, Colo. Dues paid to July 1, 1897.

Carman, John Spraker, from El Monte Commandery No. 2, Ogden, Utah. Dimit dated December 9, 1896.

Weaver, David A., from De Molay Commandery No. 13, Fort Collins, Colo. Dimit dated January 2, 1897.

Hills, Victor G., from Pueblo Commandery No. 3, Pueblo, Colo. Dues paid to June 30, 1897.

Serjeant, Ellis, from Pueblo Commandery No. 3, Pueblo, Colo. Dues paid to May 31, 1897.

Thorsen, Peder L., from Central City Commandery No. 2, Central City, Colo. Dues paid to June 30, 1897.

Smith, Tom A., from Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, Colorado Springs, Colo. Dues paid to September 15, 1897.

Thompson, Filer L., from Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, Milwaukee, Wis. Dimit dated February 11, 1897.

Parker, James M., from Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, Colorado Springs, Colo. Dues paid to June 30, 1897.

Wilber, Joseph H., from Talbot Commandery No. 43, Oil City, Pa. Dimit dated March 1, 1897.

Charter granted June 1, 1897, to all of the above except William McKinzle, and to:

Rinker, John Elsworth.

Boyd, James Hiram.

Ridpath, Charles.

Moore, Willis Grant.

Barker, Israel Nelson.

McKelvy, William Clark.

Created while working under dispensation.

In Memory
OF
THE DECEASED SIR KNIGHTS
OF
OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

In Memoriam.



COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1:

W. D. ANTHONY June 22, 1896
 F. H. STRONG September 3, 1896
 JOHN J. BRESNAHAN November 6, 1896
 JOHN A. RANDOLPH April 15, 1897

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3:

ZEPHANIAH T. MCDANIEL April 7, 1897

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4:

GEORGE MEYERS October 9, 1896

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6:

JAMES L. MARSTON August 1, 1896
 GEORGE W. WALKER February 6, 1897

MOUNT SINAI COMMANDERY No. 7:

SYLVANUS WELLMAN July 8, 1896
 G. ARTHUR CHASE March 15, 1897

CANON CITY COMMANDERY No. 9:

CHARLES E. DAVENPORT August 15, 1896

RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE COMMANDERY No. 15:

ARNOLD D. SPRINGER October 4, 1896

SALIDA COMMANDERY No. 17:

CHARLES S. LIBBY May 12, 1896

MONTRONE COMMANDERY No. 19:

GEORGE D. OVERHISER June 8, 1896

DENVER COMMANDERY No. 25:

JEROME A. VICKERS March 21, 1897

REINSTATED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Letts, Charles E.	1	June 6, 1896
Wadleigh, Frank A.	3	October 3, 1896
DeLay, R. L.	5	January 22, 1896
Hall, Robert D.	9	
Colvin, William B.	21	September 2, 1896

DIMITTED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
Able, Geo. W.	1	August 18, 1896
McClelland, P. E.	1	December 1, 1896
Durkee, L.	1	December 1, 1896
Southgate, Walter	1	December 1, 1896
Hudson, John W.	1	December 1, 1896
Kimball, Geo. K.	1	December 15, 1896
Lawrence, M. J.	1	December 15, 1896
Cisler, S. A.	1	February 16, 1897
Connor, J. T. M.	1	April 6, 1897
Wadleigh, F. A.	3	November 7, 1896
Dunbaugh, Frank M.	8	January 2, 1897
St. John, Edward S.	6	May 7, 1896
Stephenson, Percy	6	January 21, 1897
Hissey, Marion W.	7	April 26, 1897
Connell, John	7	April 26, 1897
Hall, Linville J.	9	
Murray, Dennis	10	May 14, 1896
Chambers, James S.	10	January 28, 1897
West, Henry T.	10	November 12, 1896
Weaver, D. A.	13	January 2, 1897
Rugh, Christian	18	
Chapman, Norman H.	15	June 8, 1896
Head, Lafayette	15	June 8, 1896
Price, Charles L.	17	November 5, 1896
Evans, Arthur Grant.	17	February 25, 1897
Kennedy, Amos C.	18	February 3, 1897
Roberts, Lorin H.	18	February 17, 1897
Hallet, Henry W.	20	March 23, 1897
Butts, Lafayette M.	21	May 26, 1896
Griggsby, William C.	21	December 22, 1896
Manley, Jno. W.	22	December 14, 1896
McKay, Duncan	23	November 1, 1896

SUSPENDED.

NAME	COM- MANDERY	DATE
York, E. P.	1	May —, 1895
McKenzie, M. C.	1	June 20, 1896
Clemes, J. H.	1	July 7, 1896
Harvey, Wm.	1	July 7, 1896
Foot, Geo. T.	1	September 1, 1896
Leiff Jos.	1	September 1, 1896
Lipscomb, Thos. W.	1	September 1, 1896
Norris, Geo. C.	1	September 1, 1896
Shackella, Richard T.	1	September 1, 1896
Colby, Charles H.	1	October 6, 1896
Thomas, John J.	3	September 5, 1896
Clark, John T.	3	September 5, 1896
Holland, Alfred G.	3	September 5, 1896
Banks, Henry C.	3	September 5, 1896
Banks, Horace N.	3	September 5, 1896
Chopper, Israel F.	3	September 5, 1896
Gartley, Wilson P.	3	September 5, 1896
Olin, Ceylon E.	3	September 5, 1896
Turner, DeWitt C.	3	September 5, 1896
Fisher, Albert T.	3	November 7, 1896
James, Rees	3	November 7, 1896
Duff, William A.	4	September 5, 1896
Flintham, John W.	5	June 20, 1896
Maxwell, James P.	7	April 26, 1897
Walker, Ed. S.	7	April 26, 1897
Howell, William R.	7	April 26, 1897
Spencer, Chas. L.	7	April 26, 1897
Owen, Thos. R.	7	April 26, 1897
Metcalf, Geo. E.	7	April 26, 1897
Clark, S. E.	13	April 2, 1896
Siekman, A. P.	13	February 6, 1897
Clinton, J. C.	13	December 19, 1896
Bristol, J. H.	13	December 19, 1896
Lindenmeier, Wm. Jr.	13	December 19, 1896
Dixon, Wm. H.	15	August 20, 1896
Boone, James B.	15	August 1, 1896
Bailey, Lawrence L.	16	October 2, 1896
Decker, Phil.	16	October 2, 1896
Doty, D. H.	16	October 2, 1896
Lindsay, Geo. G.	16	October 2, 1896
Wilterding, Henry J.	16	October 2, 1896
Brown, Sylvester V. R.	18	August 27, 1896
Miller, Daniel B.	18	August 27, 1896
Campbell, Chas.	19	May 8, 1896
Eddy, H. H.	20	January 26, 1897
Law, H. M.	20	February 9, 1897
Barr, Geo. W.	21	August 16, 1896
Miller, A. W.	22	November 24, 1896

TABULATED STATEMENT.

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1897.

No.	EMINENT COMMANDER	RECORDER	Number 1896	Created	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Number 1897
1	William D. Peirce.....	L. N. Greenleaf.....	480	8	3	1	4	9	10	419
2	Geo. W. Mabee.....	Sam'l I. Lorah.....	38	8	1	..	..	..	..	42
3	B. D. V. Reeve.....	Wm. Peach.....	112	4	1	1	1	2	11	104
4	W. M. Fletcher.....	John H. Bennett.....	23	3	..	..	1	..	1	24
5	C. E. Dickinson.....	James McNulty.....	69	1	..	1	..	..	1	70
6	James P. Barnes.....	Aury B. Noxon.....	97	9	6	..	2	2	..	108
7	J. L. Morehead.....	H. E. Washburn.....	95	6	..	..	2	2	6	91
8	Sam. P. Spencer.....	O. H. Aikine.....	39	1	..	..	..	..	..	40
9	D. A. Bradbury.....	H. L. Price.....	78	8	..	1	1	1	..	88
10	Sharon Atkinson.....	J. A. Woodbury.....	39	..	3	..	..	3	..	39
11	Geo. Weaver.....	Andrew B. Lewis.....	48	1	..	..	..	..	..	49
12	Willis A. Warner.....	A. L. Gibson.....	55	1	..	..	..	..	..	56
13	A. A. Edwards.....	C. R. Secord.....	58	..	1	..	..	2	5	52
14	Walter S. Clark.....	Frederick A. Hunt.....	88	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
15	John Gerteisen.....	H. H. Dubendorff.....	29	1	..	..	1	2	2	26
16	Geo. C. Pierce.....	W. W. Ashley.....	69	2	..	..	..	..	5	66
17	G. A. Montgomery.....	G. W. McGovern.....	47	..	2	..	1	2	..	46
18	J. B. Hershey.....	W. S. Keeney.....	57	8	1	..	..	2	2	62
19	Sterling S. Sherman.....	James F. Kyle.....	39	..	..	..	1	..	1	37
20	C. Ward Durand.....	Marshall H. Dean.....	24	8	..	..	..	1	2	29
21	C. H. Phelps.....	William B. Colvin.....	34	..	..	1	..	2	1	32
22	J. B. Pearce.....	R. A. Steen.....	36	2	..	..	..	1	1	36
23	E. F. Eldridge.....	Wm. Carlyle.....	27	1	..	..	..	1	..	27
25	*.....	Ed. C. Parmelee.....	70	4	4	..	1	..	..	77
U.D.	Fred S. Johnson.....	Tom A. Smith.....	..	6	0	7	..	..	..	22

*Deceased.

°Charter number on dimitts.

RECAPITULATION.

Number chartered previous to this Conclave.....	24	Reinstated.....	5
Number at Work.....	24	Died.....	15
Chartered this Conclave.....	1	Dimitted.....	32
Represented at this Conclave.....	22	Suspended.....	48
Created.....	77	Number in 1896.....	1651
Admitted.....	29	Number in 1897.....	1667
		Net gain.....	16

STATISTICAL TABLE,
SHOWING DATES OF ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS.

No.	Commandery	Post Office	Dispensation	Charter	Conclaves
1	Colorado	Denver	Jan. 13, 1866	Sept. 18, 1868	.....1st and 3d Tuesdays
2	Central City	Central City	Nov. 8, 1866	Oct. 20, 1868	.....3d Thursday
3	Pueblo	Pueblo	Aug. 17, 1874	Dec. 3, 1874	.....1st Saturday
4	Georgetown	Georgetown	Jan. 24, 1880	Sept. 24, 1880	.....1st Saturday
5	Mt. of the Holy Cross.	Leadville	May 1, 1880	Sept. 24, 1880	..1st and 3d Wednesdays
6	Pike's Peak	Colorado Springs..	April 18, 1881	Sept. 23, 1881	.....1st and 3d Thursdays
7	Mount Sinai	Boulder	Dec. 10, 1881	Sept. 22, 1882	.... 2d and 4th Mondays
8	Gunnison	Gunnison	May 28, 1883	Sept. 21, 1883	.....2d Wednesday
9	Canon City	Canon City	Nov. 12, 1883	Sept. 19, 1884	.....3d Thursday
10	Greeley	Greeley	Jan. 26, 1884	Sept. 19, 1884	...2d and 4th Thursdays
11	Ivanhoe	Durango	Mar. 4, 1884	Sept. 19, 1884	.....2d Tuesday
12	Long's Peak	Longmont	June 6, 1884	Sept. 19, 1884	..1st and 3d Wednesdays
13	De Molay	Fort Collins	Nov. 1, 1884	Sept. 18, 1885	.....1st and 3d Saturdays
14	Aspen Mountain	Aspen	July 16, 1886	Oct. 8, 1886	.... 1st and 3d Tuesdays
15	Rio Grande Del Norte	Alamosa	April 4, 1889	Sept. 20, 1889	..... 2d Monday
16	Ouray	Ouray	May 8, 1889	Sept. 20, 1889	.....1st Friday
17	Salida	Salida	Mar. 12, 1891	June 6, 1891	...2d and 4th Thursdays
18	Oriental	Trinidad	April 23, 1891	June 2, 1891	..1st and 3d Wednesdays
19	Montrose	Montrose	June 5, 1891	June 7, 1892	.....2d and 4th Fridays
20	Glenwood Springs ...	Glenwood Springs.	Aug. 31, 1891	June 7, 1892	.... 2d and 4th Tuesdays
21	Akron	Akron	Nov. 14, 1891	June 7, 1892	..... 4th Tuesday
22	Palestine	La Junta	Dec. 24, 1891	June 7, 1892	..... 2d Monday
23	Temple	Grand Junction ...	June 8, 1892	Sept. 23, 1892	..... 4th Thursday
25	Denver	Denver	Dec. 29, 1892	June 6, 1893	..... 2d Tuesday
26	Cripple Creek	Cripple Creek	Mar. 12, 1897	June 1, 1897	2d and 4th Wednesdays

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

FROM			TO		
REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE	DATE OF COMMISSION	GRAND COMMANDERY	REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE
James S. Lawrence.....	Gunnison.....	February 18, 1896	Alabama.....	John H. Disque.....	Gadsden.....
Frank H. Young.....	Durango.....	January 30, 1890	Arkansas.....	George Thornburgh.....	Little Rock.....
Harper M. Orinhood.....	Denver.....	March 25, 1879	California.....	Henry Sayre Orme.....	Los Angeles.....
Sharon Atkinson.....	Greely.....	May.....	Connecticut.....	Fred A. Spencer.....	Waterbury.....
John W. Orl.....	Salida.....	May 11, 1896	Dist. Columbia.....	Rezin W. Darby.....	Washington.....
L. M. Miller.....	Grand Junction.....	August 17, 1896	Florida.....	Irving E. Baird.....	Jacksonville.....
Henry M. Teller.....	Central City.....	January 15, 1896	Georgia.....	John H. Estill.....	Savannah.....
Roger W. Woodbury.....	Denver.....	February 10, 1894	Illinois.....	Charles G. Mac.....	Mattoon.....
Irving W. Stanton.....	Pueblo.....	July 27, 1896	Indiana.....	S. P. Gillett.....	Evansville.....
George A. Scott.....	Ouray.....	February 18, 1896	Indian Territory.....	James J. McAlester.....	Oklaheer.....
Luomo P. McAffey.....	Denver.....	December 2, 1896	Iowa.....	F. H. Loring.....	McAlester.....
Andrew J. Hottel.....	Colorado Springs.....	January 8, 1890	Kansas.....	Bestor G. Brown.....	Topeka.....
Aaron Gove.....	Denver.....	Sept'ber 29, 1891	Kentucky.....	Albert H. Gardner.....	Louisville.....
S. S. Sherman.....	Lamar.....	December 21, 1893	Louisiana.....	Wm. H. Watkins.....	New Orleans.....
Benjamin F. Rawalt.....	Montrose.....	August 22, 1893	Maine.....	Frank E. Sleeper.....	Sebattus.....
L. N. Greenleaf.....	Tolafero.....	December 1, 1892	Maryland.....	H. C. Larrabee.....	Baltimore.....
Wm. M. Mahin.....	Denver.....	June 19, 1897	Mass. & B. Island.....	Smith B. Harrington.....	Wollaston Heig's.....
A. A. Burnard.....	Trinidad.....	June 16, 1897	Michigan.....	Hugh McCurdy.....	Coruna.....
A. Sugendorf.....	Leadville.....	January 20, 1890	Minnesota.....	Charles L. West.....	Austin.....
Warren M. Fletcher.....	Denver.....	January 5, 1890	Mississippi.....	T. G. Birchett.....	Vicksburg.....
James H. Peabody.....	Georgetown.....	December 4, 1896	Missouri.....	David W. Wallace.....	Independence.....
E. L. N. Foster.....	Canon City.....	Nov'ber 29, 1896	Montana.....	Anton M. Holter.....	Helena.....
Horace O. Dodge.....	Denver.....	June 17, 1894	Nebraska.....	Gustave Anderson.....	Omaha.....
Geo. Wyman.....	Boulder.....	January 22, 1896	New Hampshire.....	Joseph W. Hidreth.....	Manchester.....
William T. Bridwell.....	Canon City.....	January 10, 1896	New York.....	Frederick G. Weise.....	Bordentown.....
William G. Adams.....	Canon City.....	March 12, 1897	North Carolina.....	R. A. M. Dweley.....	Hudson.....
Walker B. Hill.....	Pueblo.....	February 11, 1896	North Dakota.....	James D. Glenn.....	Greensboro.....
John M. Maxwell.....	Denver.....	Nov'ber 29, 1896	Ohio.....	Joseph Hare.....	Bismarck.....
William D. Todd.....	Leadville.....	February 27, 1894	Oregon.....	Joshua M. Booth.....	Cleveland.....
Geo. N. Atwood.....	Denver.....	January 10, 1896	Pennsylvania.....	Samuel B. Dick.....	Union.....
Samuel H. Thompson.....	Durango.....	March 15, 1893	South Dakota.....	Marion D. Paxton.....	Meudville.....
Richard Harvey.....	Central City.....	July 14, 1896	Texas.....	Jas. D. Richardson.....	Rapid City.....
Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Denver.....	Nov'ber 28, 1896	Texas.....	John Martin.....	Murfreesboro.....
James M. Ellison.....	Colorado Springs.....	January 18, 1896	Texas.....	Kittredgew Haskins.....	Paris.....
Walter L. Dorland.....	Pueblo.....	January 29, 1896	Virginia.....	E. H. Miller.....	Danville.....
F. A. Hunt.....	Aspen.....	Nov'ber 28, 1896	Washington.....	Cornelius Driscoll.....	Seattle.....
H. H. Fitch.....	Pueblo.....	January 9, 1896	West Virginia.....	Samuel B. Baker.....	Parkersburg.....
Byron L. Carr.....	Longmont.....	January 9, 1896	Wisconsin.....	Wm. H. Hughes.....	Milwaukee.....
			Wyoming.....	Geo. East.....	Cheyenne.....

DIRECTORY.

GRAND COMMANDERY	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE	GRAND RECORDER	RESIDENCE	CORRESPONDENT	RESIDENCE
Alabama	Henry Matthews	Montgomery	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery	George F. Moore	Montgomery
Arizona	J. M. Ormsby	Tucson	Geo. J. Backstruge	Tucson	A. J. Sampson	Phoenix
Arkansas	George G. Latta	Hot Springs	James A. Henry	Little Rock	Oliver C. Gray	Little Rock
California	George D. Metcalf	Oakland	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco	William A. Davies	San Francisco
Canada	Wm. H. Whyte	Montreal	Daniel Spurr	London	Henry Robertson	Collingswood
Colorado	Geo. J. Dunbar	Pueblo	Ed. C. Parmelee	Denver	Harper M. Orashood	Denver
Connecticut	Samuel M. Bronson	Hartford	Ed. C. Birdseye	Meriden	Hugh Stirling	Bridgeport
Dist. of Columbia	Regin W. Derby	Washington	A. B. Bennett	Washington	Grand Recorder	
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville	Wm. A. McLean	Jacksonville	Grand Recorder	
Georgia	Charles M. Wiley	Macon	Samuel P. Hamilton	Savannah	Robert B. Hall	Macon
Illinois	Edward C. Pace	Ashley	(d) W. Barnard	Chicago	John C. Smith	Chicago
Indiana	John E. Richmond	Logansport	Wm. W. Smythe	Indianapolis	N. R. Ruckle	Indianapolis
Indian Territory	James F. Humphrey	Purcell	Leo E. Bennett	Muskegon		
Iowa	Thomas E. Recabrunek	Anamosa	Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	J. C. W. Cox	Washington
Kansas	Will C. Chaffee	Topeka	A. M. Callahan	Covington	Grand Recorder	Louisville
Kentucky	Robert Strong	Mayville	L. D. Croninger	New Orleans	John Q. A. Fellows	New Orleans
Louisiana	Fritz H. Twitchell	Bath	Stephen Berry	Portland	Grand Recorder	Baltimore
Maine	George Cook	Baltimore	John H. Miller	Boston	F. J. S. Gorgas	Baltimore
Maryland	Wm. B. Walker	Pawtucket, R. I.	John A. Gergow	Detroit	Henry W. Ruge	Providence, R. I.
Mass. & B. Island	Albert Stiles	Jackson	John H. Kowal	St. Paul	Grand Recorder	
Michigan	John H. Randall	Minneapolis	Thomas Montgomery	Jackson	Grand Recorder	Natches
Minnesota	James T. Harrison	Columbia	J. L. Power	St. Louis	E. Geo. DeLap	
Mississippi	John Gillies	Monett	Wm. H. Mayo	Helena	Grand Recorder	Helena
Missouri	John Gillies	Monett	Edward D. Neill	Omaha	Cornelius Hodges	Grand Recorder
Montana	Cornelius Hodges	Helena	Wm. B. Bowen	Concord	Grand Recorder	Newport
Nebraska	Edwin G. Webster	Hastings	Geo. P. Cleary	Trenton	Albert S. Wall	
New Hampshire	John Hatch	New York	Charles Bechtel	Albany	Grand Recorder	Troy
New Jersey	John E. Rowe	Newark	John F. Shafer	Wilmington	Jesse B. Anthony	Wilmington
New York	John A. Munn	Newark	Horace H. Munson	Wilmington	John C. Chase	
North Carolina	Joseph H. Haskbourn	Bismarck	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Grand Recorder	
North Dakota	Wm. T. Perkins	Winnipeg	John N. Bell	Dayton	E. T. Carson	Cincinnati
Ohio	Barton Smith	Toledo				

DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

GRAND COMMANDERY	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE	GRAND RECORDER	RESIDENCE	CORRESPONDENT	RESIDENCE
Oklahoma	Cassius M. Barnes	Guthrie	H. S. Cunningham	..... Guthrie	J. M. Hodson	Portland
Oregon	Robert S. Bean	Salem	James F. Robinson	..... Eugene	Lee S. Smith	Pittsburg
Pennsylvania	Harry M. Van Zandt	Harrisburg	Wm. W. Allen	Philadelphia	Samuel H. Jumper	Aberdeen
South Dakota	Joseph T. Morrow	Huron	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Recorder	.....
Tennessee	William J. Ely	Clarksville	Wilbur F. Foster	Nashville	R. M. Elgin	Houston
Texas	L. T. Noyes	Houston	J. C. Kidd	Houston	Kittridge Haskins	Brattleboro
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington	Grand Recorder	.....
Virginia	E. H. Miller	Danville	James B. Blake	Petersburg	W. W. Van Winkle	Parkersburg
Washington	Jacob Weatherwax	Aberdeen	Vancey C. Blalock	Walla Walla	Wm. C. Swain	Milwaukee
West Virginia	Lewis N. Tavenner	Parkersburg	R. C. Dennington	Fairmont	Grand Recorder	.....
Wisconsin	Edmond C. Deane	Madison	John W. Ladin	Milwaukee	.....	.....
Wyoming	David H. Craig	Rawlins	John C. Baird	Cheyenne
United States	W. L. Thomas	Baltimore, Md.	William H. Mayo	St. Louis, Mo.

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1895-1898

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CODE OF STATUTES
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

Section 1. This body shall be known and designated as the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

JURISDICTION.

Section 1. Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

OBJECTS.

Section 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Sec. 2. It may therefor make laws, pass regulations and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause annul and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for willful violations of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well-being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

Section 1. The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II., of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first nine of such officers shall be elected and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held in the city of Denver on the first Tuesday of June each year.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES, DUES AND FINANCES.

Section 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood a sum not less than seventy-five (\$75) dollars.

Sec. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For dispensation, ninety (\$90) dollars, and for charter the further sum of ten (\$10) dollars.

Sec. 3. Each subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five (\$5) dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery, and the further sum of fifty cents annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns to include all work done since the date of their last returns to the first day of the month next preceding the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, a list of officers and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each Annual Conclave. The Recorder of each Commandery shall, immediately after the annual election, furnish the Grand Recorder a list of such officers.

Sec. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Section 1. Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees, of three Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto. These committees shall hold to the close of the session.

Sec. 2. The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next Annual Conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence; also, a committee of three on Necrology.

All deaths of members of our Commanderies and all obituary notices received from other Grand Commanderies shall be reported by the Grand Recorder to the chairman of this committee, with all information possible. This committee shall prepare a report and present the same at each Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of August of each year, for such an amount as may be necessary to pay the dues due from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar.—1876, page 13.

2. Resolved, That this Grand Commandery donates to the M. W. Grand Lodge Library all the Proceedings of its sister Grand Commanderies and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Commandery.—1878, page 18.

3. By Chapter 44 of the Code of Statutes, the Grand Commandery is prohibited from making any change in the uniform as adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1862.

4. The purchase of "uniform" uniforms can best be regulated by the subordinate Commanderies taking the matter under their own immediate control, and making contracts with a particular manufacturer for supplying their wants. And subordinate Commanderies are hereby instructed to see that uniforms hereafter obtained by or for their members be made in every respect according to the statutes of the Grand Encampment.—1882, page 14.

5. Resolved, That the Ritual as promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States at the Triennial Conclave held in 1883, and known as the "Short Form" of Ritual, be and is hereby adopted as the work of said Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.—1885, page 14.

6. That hereafter each application to receive the orders of Knighthood in this jurisdiction shall bear upon its face the following words: "This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected."—1885, page 14.

7. A rejected candidate shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and upon conviction, expelled from the Order.

It is hereby declared to be the duty of the Eminent Commander or Recorder of each Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery to publish this statute to his Commandery whenever a petition for the orders shall be voted upon by his Commandery.—1885, page 15.

8. Resolved, That the advice of Grand Commander Maxwell, in his address, upon the impropriety of establishing new Commanderies unless sufficiently far removed from old Commanderies as not to interfere with their efficiency, receives the hearty endorsement of this Grand Commandery.—1885, page 19.

9. No dispensation shall be issued for Commanderies U. D., without each applicant be clear on the books of his Commandery to date of the next Annual Grand Conclave, or present a dimit.—1886, page 20.

10. Resolved, That the "Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar," by H. B. Grant, be adopted for the use and government of subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.—1886, page 23.

11. Resolved, That hereafter all necessary personal expenses of the Grand Commander and other Grand officers, when on official visits or other duty, be borne by the Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder be and is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of any such Grand officer for the payment of such necessary personal expenses, upon presentation to him of an account of such expenses, approved by the Grand Commander.—1887, page 25.

12. Resolved, That the trophy now belonging to this Grand Commandery may be competed for, in a competitive drill, by any two or more Commanderies of Colorado, to take place at the close of the session of the Grand Commandery each year; said trophy to become the property of the Commandery winning three times; Provided, The rules adopted by the Grand Commandery for the drill of 1887 shall prevail.—1888, page 23.

The rules above referred to are:

First—Each Commandery competing for the prize shall consist of eighteen Sir Knights, two guides and one officer—twenty-one constituting the number.

Second—All movements and manual evolutions to be authorized by Grant's Tactics, pages 11 to 148, inclusive.

Third—Twenty-five minutes shall be allowed each Commandery for executing the movements indicated on card drawn by the officer of that Commandery.

Fourth—The several Commanderies entering for drill shall, through their commanding officer, by lot, determine their time for drill.

Fifth—Three judges to be appointed, who shall be competent Knights Templar, if convenient, living without this jurisdiction, to be selected by the Grand Commander of this jurisdiction.

Sixth—The manual of the sword, movements, evolutions, have been placed on five cards, each card representing a variety of movements, all contained in Grant's Manual between pages 11 and 148, inclusive; cards are numbered one to five consecutively. The movements on each card are noted with the page where they will be found in Grant's Manual; each commanding officer to draw from the judges one of these cards, about face, take command of his Commandery, and in the following twenty-five minutes or less execute all the movements on the card.

13. Resolved, That this Grand Commandery recognizes as Masonry in this State only such organizations as are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Colorado, the Grand Commandery K. T., the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, presided over by Albert Pike and Henry L. Palmer.—1888, page 25.

14. Resolved, That on the evening of the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, that work on the Templar order be conferred by such officers as may be designated by the Grand Commander at the previous Annual Conclave.—1889, page 27.

15. Resolved, That the grand officers and the officers highest in rank representing each chartered Commandery in the jurisdiction shall be allowed their actual traveling expenses going and returning from their place of residence to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.—1889, page 26.

16. All Commanderies are requested to report their members alphabetically.—1890, page 30.

17. Resolved, First—Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension Day are hereby set apart as days of special observance by the Commanderies and Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, and that they have authority to appear in public, in full Templar uniform, for the observance, by suitable ceremonies, of any one or all of the days herein mentioned, without special dispensation. The Sunday preceding or following Ascension Day may be observed in lieu of Ascension Day by any Commandery desiring so to do.

18. Second—Each Commandery commemorating any of these events with services appropriate to the day shall do so within their respective asylums, or in some church of Christian worship, where practicable. The Recorder thereof shall immediately thereafter report to the Grand Commander which of the days has been observed, the number of Sir Knights in attendance, and a brief description of the ceremonies.—1890, pages 35 and 36; 1894, page 24.

19. It is unlawful for a Sir Knight to represent any subordinate Commandery in this Grand Commandery by proxy other than the one of which he was then a member. Unaffiliation would deprive the Sir Knight of the right to represent by proxy the Commandery of which he was formerly a member.—1890, page 35.

20. "Sir Knights belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction should not apply for dimits in order to sign a petition for dispensation, but they should pay dues to the time of the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and receipts therefor should accompany the petition. Sir Knights not belonging to Commanderies in this jurisdiction must present dimits with the petition for dispensation."—1891, page 21.

21. "For the purpose of settling the questions that have arisen as to the proper manner of executing the following sword movements, on which authorities disagree, and in order to secure a uniformity in this jurisdiction, with the approval of the Grand Captain General, I courteously suggest the following, and request their adoption by the Commanderies until the next meeting of the Grand Commandery:

DRAW SWORDS.

"At the command, 'Draw,' seize the scabbard with the left hand, near the top, inclining it to the front, seize the grip firmly with the right hand and draw the blade until the right forearm is horizontal across the body, the back of the hand toward the breast.

"Second movement: At the command, 'Swords,' draw the sword, fully extending the arm at an angle of forty-five degrees, the sword extended on the prolongation of the arm, edge down.

"Third movement: Turn the sword and bring it to the position of 'present.'

"Fourth movement: Bring the back of the blade to the right shoulder, the blade nearly vertical, edge to the front, arm nearly

extended, thumb and forefinger embracing the grip, the other fingers extended and joined in rear of the grip (position of carry swords.)

SUPPORT SWORDS.

"At the command, 'Swords,' carry the left hand to the right side near the shoulder, grasping the blade with the thumb and finger of the left hand, a little below the shoulder.

Second movement: With both hands carry the sword to the left side, the right hand firmly grasping the grip near the end, edge of blade to the front, right arm horizontal across the body.

"Third movement: Fold the left arm over the right, fingers embracing the right arm near elbow, the guard resting on the forearm, the blade vertical, edge to the front."—B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 29.

22. That the instructions of the Grand Commander in regard to the manual of the sword be approved.—Adopted June, 1892, page 33.

23. Whereas, We believe that the annual meetings of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, in General Conclave, will greatly enhance the interests and benefits of our Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all Commanderies holding charters or dispensations under this Grand Commandery are hereby cordially invited and earnestly requested to attend the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and that all Sir Knights, members of such Commanderies, are requested to attend such Conclaves in full Templar uniform.—September, 1892, page 24.

24. Whenever any Sir Knight who has served as Eminent Commander in any other jurisdiction wishes to become a member of this Grand Commandery, under the provisions of Subdivision 4 of Section 26, Article 11 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, he shall present a petition, signed by himself, which shall be substantially in the following form:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado:

I would respectfully apply for membership in this Grand Commandery, by virtue of having been Commander of..... Commandery No., located at, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of, and having changed my membership to..... Commandery No., located at, Colorado, a Commandery working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,

(Signed).....

He shall also file with the Grand Recorder a certificate, under seal of the Grand Commandery of which he was formerly a member, setting forth the fact of such membership; also a certificate under seal of the Commandery within this jurisdiction of which at the time of making such application he is a member, setting forth the fact of such membership.

After reference to and report thereon by an appropriate committee, this Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein.—September, 1892, page 21.

25. The Grand Commandery requests each subordinate Commandery to perfect themselves in Grant's Tactics, to be able to compete at the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery for the trophy which this Grand Commandery has already provided.—1893, page 31.

26. Upon the receipt of the Ritual, the Grand Recorder, under the direction of the Grand Commander, will distribute the same to the subordinate Commanderies, with proper rules and instructions for the preservation and delivery of same to succeeding officers, and that the Commanderies be requested to use the new Ritual at once; but in any event all the subordinate Commanderies must be prepared to use the same on and after the first day of January next, as required by the action of the Grand Encampment.—1893, page 31.

27. That the Grand Recorder be instructed and empowered to amend the list of members of the subordinate Commanderies published with the Grand Commandery proceedings, so as to show the members suspended and expelled, at the time of going to press.—1895, page 22.

28. The command in Grant's Tactics was changed from "Swords port" to "Port swords."—1896, page 19.

29. That the Grand Commander appoint a Sir Knight duly qualified, to be known as "Official Drill Master," whose duty it shall be to visit any Commandery in the State and give such instructions as they shall require in Templar work and tactics. And as compensation for such services, he shall receive \$5.00 per day and necessary travelling expenses, the same to be paid by the Commandery employing him.—1896, page 19.

30. It is ordered that Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11 and Ouray Commandery No. 16 have concurrent jurisdiction of the town of Rico until the further order of this Grand Commandery.—1896, page 31.

DECISIONS

NOW IN FORCE, AS APPROVED BY THE GRAND COM-
MANDERY.

1. Only those who joined in the petition for dispensation, and those who received the orders in the Commandery, compose a Commandery Under Dispensation. New members, other than those who received the orders in the Commandery, can not be received by a Commandery while Under Dispensation.—H. M. Orahood, 1880, page 6.

2. The Recorder should only receive money or its equivalent, and at once deposit it with the Treasurer, and no money should be withdrawn from the Treasurer's hands except by order of the Commandery, or E. C., when properly authorized.—M. Spangler, 1882, page 7.

3. The Eminent Commander of a Commandery stated by letter that Sir..... J. W., had removed from the State and desired a dimitt, but that he did not see how it could be granted. I wrote him to grant the dimitt if the Sir Knight was in good standing and his dues were paid.

4. A Commandery U. D. can perform only such acts as are defined in the dispensation, i. e.: To meet as a Commandery and to confer the orders of Knighthood. They can not admit un-affiliated Knights to membership while under dispensation.

5. The Commander of the Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, applied under date of July 5, 1883, for the privilege to act upon a petition for membership prior to the expiration of the required six months from the date of the former rejection of same applicant, on the ground that the member who had cast the only black ball at the previous ballot, dimitted, and the applicant desired to visit San Francisco as a Knight, in August. I decided that the rejection of the applicant was perfectly legal, and there was no good reason why he should not wait the usual period.—M. H. Fitch, 1883, page 5.

To the last decision the Grand Commandery adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which said:

This decision is approved and heartily recommended for the guidance of Grand Commanders in similar cases in future.—1883, page 10.

6. My correspondence in the nature of advice and instruction to Sir Knights engaged in the starting of new Commanderies has been somewhat extensive, and I report some of the features which may appear trivial to you, for the instruction of such as are not so well informed, and may desire to inaugurate new Commanderies hereafter.

7. Sir Knights engaged in the inauguration of new Commanderies should first of all obtain from the Grand Recorder a copy of the last proceedings of the Grand Commandery, and a copy of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

8. Applications should show from whence the applicants hail.

9. A recommendation of a petition, though of a general character and not specific according to the formula, should be understood as covering all points that are essential for the Grand Commander to know.

10. All papers essential for a dispensation become part of the permanent records of the Grand Recorder's office, and mutilated papers, therefore, cannot be accepted.

11. Promises to forward essential papers at some future period after the issuance of dispensation are useless. The papers must be supplied in advance.

12. Labored assertions to the Grand Commander that applications are correct and ought to be satisfactory should be avoided as superfluous and bordering on impertinence.

13. Petitions must be endorsed by the nearest Commandery, and not necessarily by the most convenient.

14. The officers of a Commandery Under Dispensation can not be installed, but, on receipt of their authority, assemble the Sir Knights, read the same, open a Commandery and proceed to work.

15. The Grand Commander can not take five or six Sir Knights to visit a neighboring town, there open a Commandery and make enough Knights to apply for a dispensation, and no Grand Commander would do so if he could.

16. All signers to the application for dispensation, and all Knighted in that Commandery, have the right to vote on petitions in a Commandery Under Dispensation.

17. The three principal officers of a Commandery Under Dispensation, as such, can not form and open a Commandery for the transaction of business as three Sir Knights hailing from three different Commanderies, under the sanction of a warrant from some Grand Commandery.

18. Question: "Can a non-affiliate in Lodge and Chapter receive the orders in Colorado?" Answer in full: "The Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States declares it unnecessary for an applicant for the orders to be a member of Lodge or Chapter; yet another section declares that expulsion or suspension from his Masonic rights by Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. The Grand Lodge of Colorado has a law that all non-affiliates not making application for membership within twelve months shall be deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry. A Grand Master's ruling on this has been approved by Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge, that the penalty for non-affiliation can be inflicted only after charges and trial. There is, therefore, no law to prevent the orders being conferred on a non-affiliated Master and Royal Arch Mason. Yet, if such person has been a non-affiliated Master for twelve months, he is every day living in opposition to a Grand Lodge law, for which he is liable at any moment to be placed under charges and convicted, in which event he would be deprived of all rights and privileges in his Commandery and of all intercourse with the Order. Therefore, while the non-affiliate is eligible for the orders, if not deprived of his Masonic rights, it is certainly not prudent to confer them upon him during existing Grand Lodge laws."—R. W. Woodbury, 1884, pages 6 to 9.

19. A member can not interpose an objection to the conferring of the order in the midst of the ceremony, for reasons that existed prior to the initial steps.—J. P. Maxwell, 1885, page 10.

20. The E. C. of No. 16 asked how his Commandery should proceed to confer the orders of Knighthood upon a candidate elected to receive them in No. 8.

I replied:

There are two methods:

First—Upon request of No. 8, in which event all fees would belong to No. 8, and to which the candidate would regularly belong when created, and to become a member of No. 16 it would

be necessary for him to dimitt from No. 8 and join by affiliation. In that case a dispensation from the Grand Commander, empowering No. 16 to confer the orders would be necessary before you could proceed. (See Title 44, Section 1, of Code of Grand Encampment.)

Second—Upon a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of No. 16 by No. 8, granted by unanimous vote, and a petition in due form presented to your Commandery, accompanied by such waiver, which petition would take the same course as other petitions for the orders, and when created the candidate would be a member of No. 16. The fee paid No. 8 at the time of making the application for the orders would in this case belong to that Commandery.—J. H. Peabody, 1890, page 18.

21. A by-law providing for a summary suspension of members without previous trial and conviction is in violation of the Code of Statutes and of a well known general principle of law.

22. A petition was received, unaccompanied by the fee, but the payment was guaranteed; the fee was paid before ballot. I decided that the petition was regularly before the Commandery.

23. A Commandery desiring to celebrate any of the Templar festivals on any other than the regular festival days would require a dispensation to enable them to do so.—B. L. Carr, June, 1892, page 24.

24. A petition that stated that affiant "had not made previous application here" is insufficient, as it does not contain the information required by Section 1 of Title 45 of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and that it could be ordered laid on the table or returned to the petitioner, as might be thought best.

25. It is immaterial whether the application for waiver be made by the applicant or by the Commandery; the better course would be for the applicant to secure the waiver himself, and attach it to the petition.—B. L. Carr, September, 1892, page 8.

26. A Commandery has the right to try an affiliated Sir Knight belonging to a sister Commandery, for an offense committed within its territorial jurisdiction.—A. B. McGaffey, 1894, page 11.

27. That one of our Commanderies was authorized to confer the orders on a candidate temporarily sojourning in their midst, at the request of a Commandery in another jurisdiction, which had elected him to receive them; and that our Commandery would be entitled to only such fees collected or charged as the other Commandery might see fit to send it; and the candidate became a member of the other Commandery, on compliance with its by-laws.—W. D. Todd, 1895, page 11.

28. A dimitted Knight Templar has the right to apply for membership wherever he may elect.—W. W. Rowan, 1896, page 12.

29. Q. At our installation of officers, the Eminent Commander and Captain General elect refused to be installed. How does the matter stand as to these offices?

A. *First*—The Sir Knights had the right to refuse to be installed.

Second—That there was no vacancy in either the office of Eminent Commander or Captain General, and that the old occupants of these offices held over respectively.

Third—The election as to these offices may be declared void by the Commandery.

30. A member of Gunnison Commandery No. 8 became, by virtue of joining in request for dispensation, a charter member of Temple Commandery No. 23 in 1892. The Sir Knight did not appear as dimitted from Gunnison Commandery in our records until 1896. I decided that all dues that may have been collected from him by Gunnison Commandery since the granting of charter to Temple Commandery should be paid by Gunnison Commandery to Temple Commandery for credit to the Sir Knight's account. — E. P. Shove, 1897, page 15.

UNIFORM.

The uniform of a Knight Templar, as adopted and prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Colorado at the Annual Conclave in 1888.

FULL DRESS.

Black frock coat, black pantaloons, sword, belt, shoulder straps, gloves, gauntlets and chapeau.

COAT.

The coat shall be of black broadcloth, single-breasted, the skirts to extend from two-thirds to three-fourths the distance from the hip joint to the bend of the knee.

There shall be a row of nine flat black cloth buttons on the breast, equal in distance one from the other, four buttons on the back and skirt, two at the hip and one at the lower end of each side edge; two smaller buttons of the same kind on the lower seam at the wrist.

The side edges to extend two-thirds the length of the skirt.

A stand-up collar of the same material as the coat, not less than one nor more than one and one-half inches in height, square corners in front and slope up and backwards slightly.

The edges plain, the lining black.

An appropriate cross may be worn on the outside of the cuff.

It is not intended to make the wearing of the regulation coat obligatory. A frock coat of black cloth in the usual style may be worn. But Sir Knights hereafter procuring uniforms shall conform to the foregoing requirements.

PANTALOONS.

Of black broadcloth or doe-skin.

SWORD.

To be thirty-four to forty inches long, inclusive of scabbard; helmet head, cross handle and metal scabbard, with cross of proper grade one inch in height.

a. For Sir Knights: White metal scabbard suspended by three white metal rings; hilt black, ornamented with Passion Cross.

b. Eminent and Past Eminent Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated, with Passion Cross on white ivory hilt.

c. Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders: Scabbard and rings to be gold plated; Templar Cross on white ivory hilt.

d. The hilt may have the owner's monogram on one side.

BELT.

Red enameled or patent leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, fastened around the body with a clasp.

a. For Sir Knights: Color, vermillion red; the belt to be stitched in double rows with white silk; clasp of white metal, plain, oval shaped, with Passion Cross on face of clasp.

(N. B.—Commanderies may have name and number on face of clasp, providing all members wear the same.)

Two short barrel chains of white metal to support the sword, and a third chain to extend from left button on back of coat to lower ring of scabbard; chain supported by metal slides from the belt, with a hook on which to hang the sword at the belt on the front side.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above, with gilt clasp, one strip of gold lace in center of belt, half inch wide, and gilt chains for carrying sword.

c. Officers of Grand Commandery, so long as they remain in office: Same as above, except a Templar Cross on belt clasp, and two strips of gold lace, one-quarter of an inch wide, on upper and lower edge of belt.

d. Past Grand Commanders: Same as above, except three strips of gold lace, one-quarter of an inch wide, proportionately divided.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

To be such as are set forth and described in the edict of 1862, and subsequent amendments of the Grand Encampment, and can be worn only by officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders, Past Commanders, Generalissimos and Captains-General.

INSIGNIA OF OFFICE.

As the Statutes of the Grand Encampment forbid the use of shoulder straps by any officer of a Commandery under the rank of Captain-General, it is hereby ordered that such subordinate officers be entitled to wear an embroidery in silver on both sleeves, between the elbow and shoulder, designating the office they respectively bear. Said embroidery to be two inches square.

The wearing of jewels, coats of arms or badges of any kind other than those strictly Masonic is prohibited in any public display of the Order.

GLOVES.

Shall be of buff lisle thread.

CHAPEAU.

a. For Sir Knights: The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, two black and one white ostrich plumes; red velvet Passion Cross on left side, in black satin rosette. The front and rear peaks of chapeau to be extended four and one-fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at head.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: The same, except gold Passion Cross and rays.

c. Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders: Same, with embroidered gold Templar Cross in red velvet.

CAP.

For Commanders, Past Commanders and officers of the Grand Commandery: To be of black cloth, three inches in height, with straight visor and rounded points; around the base of the cap to be a band of gold lace, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side a gold button, fastening a double gold cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond with the cross on the chapeau.

For Sir Knights and Officers below the rank of Commander: To be of the same style and material as that worn by a Commander; the gold band to be omitted and in place of same to be a band of black silk webbing, one and one-fourth inches wide; on each side to be a silver button, fastening a double silver cord, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter; the cross on the front to correspond with the cross on the chapeau.

All caps to have glazed covers for service in stormy weather.

CROSSES.

Sir Knights, Commanders and Past Commanders of subordinate Commanderies will wear the Passion Cross.

Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders, the Templar Cross.

On the side of the chapeau, to be three inches in height; on the sword, one inch; on the gauntlet, two inches.—1888, page 18.

Resolved, That all the Commanderies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, which are now fully equipped with ivory-hilted swords, may continue their use in the equipment of newly-made Knights, but that the newly Knighted of Commanderies which are not so equipped, and all those Knighted in new Commanderies shall conform strictly in all its particulars to the Statutes of this Grand Commandery entitled "Uniform," as adopted at the Annual Conclave in 1888.—1890, page 29.

FORMS.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir.....,

Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and, that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at, and to be known as Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir..... to be the first Commander; Sir..... to be the first Generalissimo, and Sir..... to be the first Captain-General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at....., in the county of....., and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of the R. E. Grand Commander, the statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment and the usages of the Order.

Date.....

The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order, and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.00.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of.....

Commandery No., Knights Templar, stationed at....., Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing; that I received the degrees of E. A., F. C., and M. M. in Lodge No., located at, and am now a member of Lodge No., located at.....; that I received the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A.

in Chapter No., located at....., and am now a member of..... Chapter No. ..., located at.....; and that I am desirous of receiving the several orders of Knight-hood conferred in your Commandery.

(Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.)

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Commandery, within a period of four months.

I was born, A. D., at..... My residence is; my occupation is.....

Dated at....., Colo.,, A. D. 18..

We recommend Companion to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

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(The candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information save that he has been rejected.)—See Standing Order 7.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report.....

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....., Colo.,, A. D. 18.., A. O.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of.....
Commandery No. ..., Knights Templar, stationed at.....,
Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar and late a member of..... Commandery No. ..., stationed at....., as appears by my dimit, herewith presented, dated.....; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Commandery within a period of four months.

I was born....., A. D....., at.....; my
residence is.....; my occupation is.....
....., Colo., A. D. 18.., A. O. 77..

We recommend Sir..... to the favorable consid-
eration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

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The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the
within petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the
trust confided to them, and report:

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD..... Denver.

The Twenty-third Annual will be held in Denver, Tuesday, June 7, 1898.

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE.

ALBERT B. MCGAFFEY (1) Denver.
HARPER M. ORAHOOD (25)..... Denver.
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The Twenty-seventh Triennial Conclave will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa.,
October 11th, 1898.

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GRAND SECRETARY AND GRAND RECORDER.

39 Masonic Temple, Denver.



